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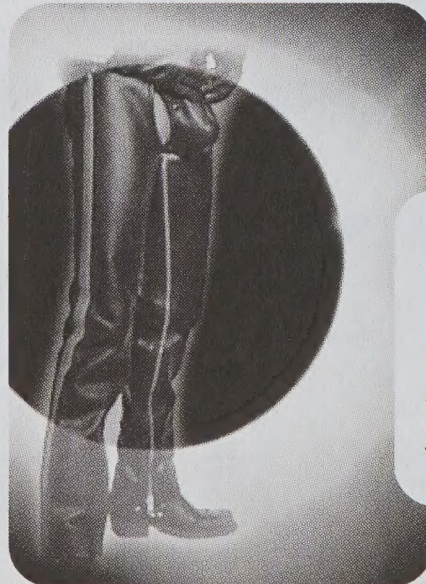
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# Never Assume

*By Rob from GMOC*



Before I moved to Edmonton, I learned a very serious lesson about HIV. My friend Conrad is a

person who has had few issues regarding his sexual orientation.

He has also always enjoyed having sex with men, and, in particular, has held steadfast convictions about having safe sex. As a responsible gay man, Conrad always asked questions of his partners and practiced safe sex during each and every sexual encounter. Unfortunately, my friend is now HIV positive. Conrad doesn't know when or how he contracted the virus. In his mind, he did everything that he was supposed to do. And although his life is far from over, his life has changed forever.

Many people mistakenly assume that HIV is a plague against those who abuse their bodies, such as those who dive into promiscuity or who are intravenous drug users.

More importantly, the whole "it can't happen to me" mythology is still very much alive and vibrant within many gay communities.

Conrad's story reinforces knowledge that everyone, gay and straight, should know: although condoms do reduce the risk of sexually transmitted disease, including HIV, *condoms are not 100% safe against HIV infection.*

**However, putting on a condom does not simply eradicate the problem. It is also a matter of attitude, and about taking responsibility for one's actions. Maintain regular examinations with your family physician, yearly HIV testing, and speaking to your partner about his/her past sexual experiences and recent tests and trusting your instincts. Quitesimply, it is vital that these questions/concerns must be answered among individuals with whom we choose to share very intimate aspects of our lives.**

This is the first of a regular bi-monthly column, as part of the Gay Men's Outreach Project. I invite you to contribute relevant stories about how STD's have impacted you so that together we could continue the cycle of learning, sharing and changing. I look forward to meeting many of you in the days ahead.

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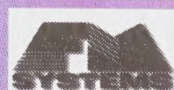
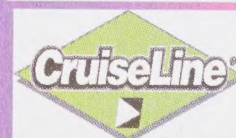
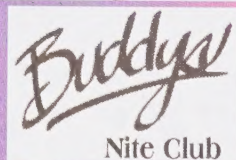
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# Regina Mayor

## Full of Bigotry and Ignorance

As it happens, not only is there such a day coming up, but the very offensive language of the proclamation remains.

As for those who wrote me saying that they saw no problem with a group being able to have a heterosexual pride day, that argument only holds water if the day is not designed to ridicule and oppress non-heterosexuals. In this case, it is made clear by the wording of the proclamation that the only point of the day is to chastise and marginalize the non-straight residents of Regina.

I am urging everyone to institute a boycott of Regina and follow-up with an e-mail or fax to the Mayor and the Regina Tourism Board.

Thanks to Paul Barwick for keeping this issue alive and for forwarding me his correspondence with the office of the Mayor. — Scott

Apparently, the Mayor does not see any instances of promoting hatred against a class of persons' in this proclamation. Mayor Pat Fiocco is either blind or stupid:

### CITY OF REGINA PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS the intact heterosexual family unit is ordained by God as clearly revealed in the Holy Bible (Gen 2:23, 24 Matt 19:4-6); And

WHEREAS large bodies of research support the conclusion that intact heterosexual families provide an excellent nurturing environment for children; and

WHEREAS many believe that intact heterosexual families provide a necessary source of stability that benefits society as a whole; and

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WHEREAS intact heterosexual family units provide much needed Stability and moral direction for children and young adults; and

WHEREAS intact heterosexual families provide sexual satisfaction for the men and women who are committed to them; and

WHEREAS when monogamy is practiced, the husband and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STDs, AIDS or broken hearts.

NOW THEREFORE I, Pat

Fiocco, Mayor of the City of Regina, do hereby Proclaim Monday, June 18, 2001 as HETEROSEXUAL FAMILY PRIDE DAY in Regina, and in issuing this proclamation, ask our citizens to recognize this day.

Pat Fiocco  
Mayor

When this proclamation makes the following statement, "the husband and wives who enjoy sexual relations in the confines of their heterosexual marriage have no reason to worry about STDs, AIDS or broken hearts," it is implicit that the converse would apply to non-heterosexuals. Essentially, the Mayor endorses a platform that states that glbt citizens of Regina have AIDS, VD and broken hearts to look forward to. —

Here is the correspondence, forwarded by Paul Barwick.

From: Paul Barwick  
To: [info@tourismregina.com](mailto:info@tourismregina.com)  
Subject: Not our dollars...

I want to commend the Mayor of Regina for being so forthcoming. Most politicians feel the need to hide their bigotry and ignorance. Mayor Fiocco evidently feels no such need as evidenced by the proclamation recently issued which celebrates "Heterosexual Family Pride Day".

Your proclamation arrived at a good time, as our family was discussing vacation plans for the coming summer. Needless to say we will take our vacation dollars to a destination which doesn't feel the need to disrespect and denigrate its minority citizens.

Perhaps some day Regina will proclaim a day celebrating diversity. When that happens we will reconsider visiting your part of Canada.  
Paul Barwick



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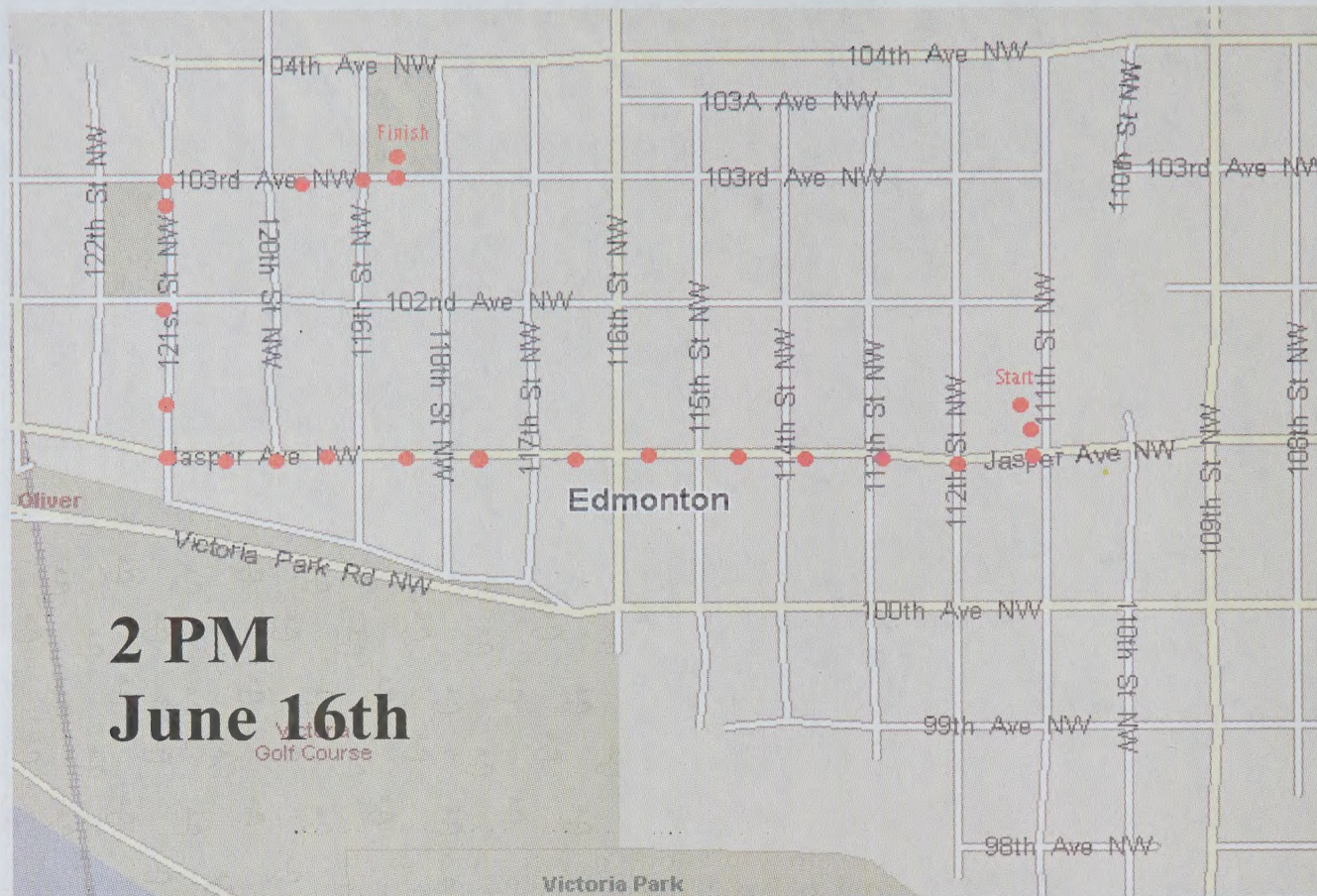
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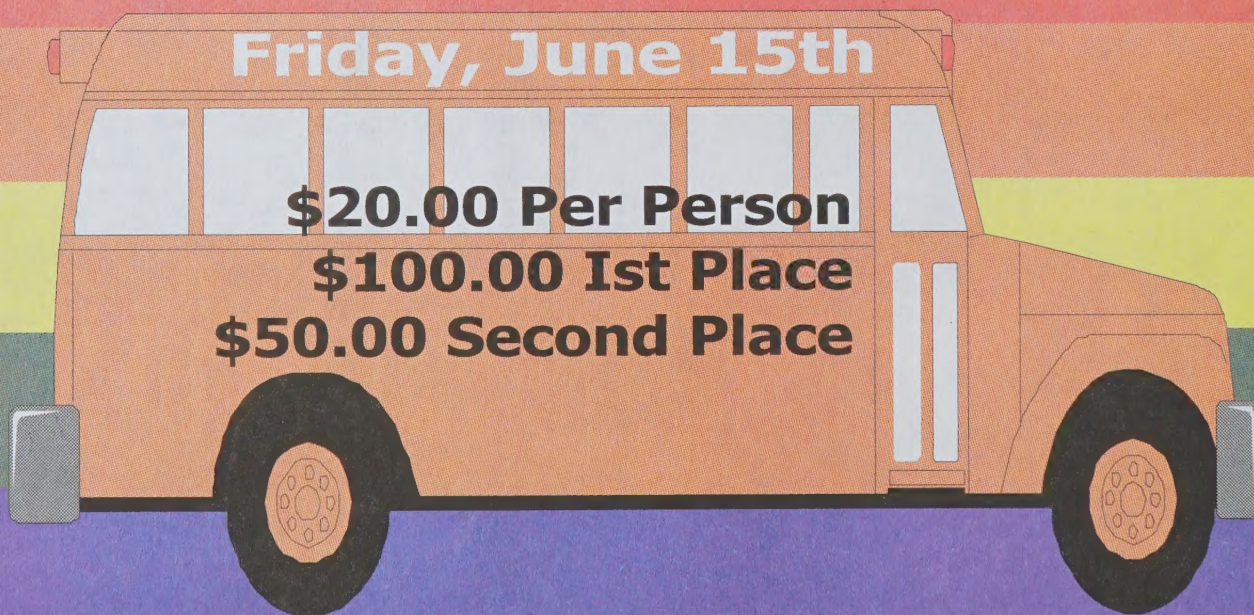
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# What does Pride mean to you?

I was sent out into the city to ask this simple question to a few "active members of the gay community", this is what I've learned:

Was out of sight down in a basement corner on an anonymous office building I meet Rob, the Gay Men's Outreach Coordinator and freedom fighter at the gay and lesbian center.

Had I been walking past, I wouldn't have even know this place existed. I realize the center enjoys its privacy, especially for the discretion and protection of the people who work or hang out there. I am more aware of just how much homophobia pushes people into dark corners, and why Pride Week is so essential to the advancement of the lives of gay men and lesbians.

After laughing with a soft-spoken tranny, Rob shares his wisdom with me.

"Pride Week is an opportunity for our community to come together publicly to celebrate who they are and the achievements that we

have received over the years. Pride is important to remind the mainstream heterosexual society that we are still very active, are pushing forward and celebrating."

"We are always facing religious and political oppression and this is our opportunity to fight and reclaim our rights. We want to remind people that it is not a life-style it is a life."

Jackie, a hip ole lady who owns a wonderful feminist bookshop, has to agree. "It is a community building event. I think it is easy to underestimate homophobia, especially here in my store, which is obviously a gay positive space. But I see the presence of homophobia in the community at large. Pride Week is important for getting us all to mark that we're part of a larger community."

"It is important to support each other, a counter to homophobia is visibility. The more people see that



we come from all walks of life, configurations of families... and just the celebration and having fun is what it's all about."

And then I met Marsha, a good-looking transsexual computer who plays a big role in various Pride events such as Black Solstice, a must attend for the leather souls. "The reality is we want to be recognized. Whether we are gay, lesbian, or transgender we don't have the same rights as the common individual, we are always fighting attitudes and perceptions."

"Pride Week is no different from the Caribbean festival, or the Ukrainian, or Italian festivals. We're just an identifiable community. We don't have any national origins but we are a good ten percent of the population and we just want the right to enjoy and be proud of who we are."

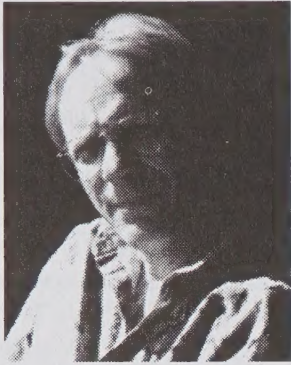
What did I learn? There's nothing new here. These people welcomed me into their spaces and accepted me at face value. They treated me with great kindness and respect and they desire to be treated in the same fashion, and have the same freedoms.

Pride Week is a step towards the evolution of human unity and will only grow stronger each year, until someday, when minority groups do not have to hold banners in parades to remind the majority that they are still out there, out of site and out of mind.

*Sonja Willier*

# Commentary

By *Dennis Cambly*  
Managing Editor



## A Glowing Kind of Feeling

It's only a matter of weeks now and it will all be finished and happy faces will once again prevail. I would only make one suggestion for Pride Week in the year 2001. Let's put together a Non-Profit Society that will ensure that people work together as a group to set out to have some fun. Whenever money is put first things get out of hand and taking slams called rumours hurts people. There is nothing wrong in taking a break from events once they have occurred. A non-profit society works for other cities and they can get tens of thousands of people to participate. We do not need to dash back into the rooms and make all the decisions in September. Most community groups are very active from September to December and then with a short break people want to get involved in Pride Week. Yes, of course we would need a longer period of time to invite people to come and celebrate with us. We live in a climate that only

allows us to get outside and have fun for a short time so give people the time to have some personal fun. It continues to work for Times .10 Magazine, as all of the volunteers need a break. That is why we combine the July/August and December/January issues into one. It also gives everyone else a chance to get out of our dust.

It is always best to have a representation that would cover all of our community. That might even mean getting a few straight people involved. The idea of such a society was proposed late in August of last year and was shot down. Now the same people that shot the idea down have done their very best to take control of Pride Week. That's sad, because the week belongs to everyone in the city. It is a fun way to show the diversity of the various groups and assist in the slogan "we are okay".

Perhaps it happens due to the way this province thinks on a political basis. We do not elect a government we crown a king. The views and opinions of the vast majority are lost in the noise created by the few. That kind of thinking keeps us in the dark and holds us back from being the community that we could become. We have no need to look "over there" to see what other cities are doing for Pride Week, just look into our own hearts, as a group, and get on with growing up.

It is my sincere hope that everyone does make the most of the events planned for this June. There are plenty of listings and ads throughout this issue to let you know what is going on during Pride Week. If you need some additional information you can find it on our Website at [www.times10.org](http://www.times10.org).

With that said, I would very much

enjoy the experience of having everyone make a true effort to get over all of the pain and move on. Those who wish to bury their heads in the sand will do so no matter what anyone says to them. Let us not act out the part of the Reform Alliance party and Stockwell Day pretending that a lot of damage has been done over these past six months.

We enjoy being your forum for dialogue and discussion and sometimes it may seem to very few that we go over the line. If you want toast that has been sitting in a glass of milk for information then read the mainstream media. How long will it take for people to get it, that this is where you sound off and can do so within very few restrictions about things going on in our community? If you want to make news in the mainstream media just put on a dress and walk into a Reform Alliance party meeting. We could always get a column going called Ralph's Corner and see if he will tell us, along with Bill Smith, why they still resist in cleaning up their acts on gay and lesbian issues. And you might also ask yourself why the mainstream media is the first to put the word "homosexual" and not the word "heterosexual" in front of their current front page news. (the two children and Mother).

It is all about money that kills the nature of the ways things might be and not the way things are in our society or community that makes it so.

In ending, take a loonie down to the Parade and give it to Mr. Phair to help pay for the march down Jasper Avenue. Rumour has it that the expected crowd is going to be around 10,000 people, give or take a few thousand.

Now, wouldn't that be nice?



# A Missed Opportunity

*By Laurie Blakeman*

**First, I join you in celebrating Pride in this edition of Times .10. I know that I speak for all members of the Alberta Liberal caucus when I say that we must be proud of our diversity in Alberta. We all shall continue to be successful in achieving equality, it may take us a little longer here in Alberta and we may have to fight harder but we will get there.**

We've been debating the 2001-02 Budget in the Legislature and, knowing many folks are interested in the arts, I thought I'd share a few thoughts. I remain concerned about the

problem of funding in Community Development, one of the many portfolios I am responsible for now (Justice, Solicitor General, Gaming, and Seniors being the others). As most of you know, Community Development is responsible for funding arts and culture along with sports and recreation, libraries, historical sites and all the other quality of life sectors. As it sits right now, arts funding levels have remained at the same level set in 1988.

And now, a one grant rule has been applied. Where organizations may have applied for operating funds, and a special project grant previously, or Community Artist Series now they can only apply for one grant. So some arts and culture organizations have seen even more of a loss in funding, severely impacting their operations. So much for celebrating the creativity of this province.

What this has meant is that companies are operating with half of the staff and putting on fewer shows, hiring fewer artists, doing less advertising and promotion. The same thing is happening in sports and recreation areas. The government is really pushing granting formulas based on how much the agency raises from other sources. So, for sports and recreation groups, this can mean more user fees and

that can severely limit access to programs for some families.

On a related note, the provincial government gave the World 2001 Games \$40 million for operating costs, but it did not put any strings on that money - so much \$ for athletics and so much \$ for an arts component, etc. Despite lobbying from myself and others, there has been little money for the professional arts community in Edmonton to produce something special for the

Games. Companies and individual artists are not in a position to finance additional programming from their (even more reduced) budgets, and since little has been set aside for professional arts participation, we may not see much from them. Instead, the Games organizers are relying on volunteer artists to perform. To my mind, this is a missed opportunity to showcase our Alberta talent at a superlative scale.

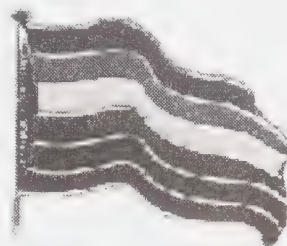
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[www.laurieblakeman.com](http://www.laurieblakeman.com), or if you are interested in a particular area, send me an email to let me know and I'll attempt to forward you questions from Question Period or excerpts from debates on that subject. For those who want to check out the budget debates on the different Ministries, go

to [www.assembly.ab.ca](http://www.assembly.ab.ca) and look for 'estimates' and the department you are interested in. We have been debating the budget on Monday afternoons, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday evenings and Thursday afternoons since the beginning of May.

I'm looking forward to seeing many of you at different Pride events, please stop and say hi!

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# Logo's And Calendars And Fairs.

## *Emperor 25 Ron*

Here it is June already!! This month our usual scribe, I.C. Prince Rob is on hiatus with several projects in the works, so I offered to put my two cents worth in this space. When Rob re-appears remains to be seen, as in addition to some Court projects he is working on, him and his partner, Craig are in the final planning stages of their wedding, supported fully by their families at the end of June. On behalf of the Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose, we all wish them well on this new venture in their lives that could take all of us one more step closer to full recognition of gay and lesbian partnerships in the eyes of society and the law.

This month is one filled with activities, and the Court is proud to be involved in several. As advertising starts to appear, you will see the Court represented by a new logo. We are excited and very pleased with the new

look. For us as an organization, it represents a more contemporary look that hopefully will help drive the group into new directions and create new interests.

We ran a logo contest, and after reviewing several submissions, we selected a design presented by Jerry Archer of 3D Visual Designs. The logo generated an immediate



positive response from those who reviewed it and, after some very minor modifications, we are now using it on signage and letterhead.

The design itself represents several facets with the most obvious being the stylized crown at the very top.

The Wild Rose is an important factor as it identifies us very uniquely as the ISCWR and also from Alberta. The two splayed bars on each side were to represent the flamboyance and spirit of the organization, though some in our group also saw these as the four

main figureheads of the Court, the Emperor and Prince and the Empress and Princess. And the base represents not only the strong foundation of volunteer support and 25 years of history on which we are based, but also stylized steps leading the stage which has been an integral part of our success over the years. In grey scale, it is hard to see the colour variations, but other than the Wild Rose which is pink, the other colours are in various shades of purple representing the regal side to our image.

We want to thank Jerry Archer for his inspiring design.

This month you will see the logo on posters for the Pride Street Fair at Oliver Arena immediately following the Parade on June 16, 2001. We are very excited to be working with PFLAG-T, Edmonton Rainbow Business Association and Youth Understanding Youth in this joint venture celebration.

The Court is also one of the volunteer groups that will be presenting the Flamingo Pride Dance on Saturday, June 23, 2001 at the Citadel Theatre Atrium. Working in conjunction with the Pride committee, these groups bring back one of last year's most successful events with revenues going entirely to

the groups who volunteer.

During Pride Week festival, we will be launching our "Queens of Edmonton" calendar. With each month depicting different local drag queens and entries throughout of many people's birthdays or anniversaries, it also features advertisers whose support helps underwrite the costs of this fundraising project. The calendar runs from June 2001 to May 2002 so you can bet that there will be another coming out next year.

Also look for nomination forms for "Entertainer of the Year" during Pride festivities. Nominations will be reviewed, and the highest nominated will be voted on at our "Entertainer of the Year Gala" at the Roost on Friday, July 6.

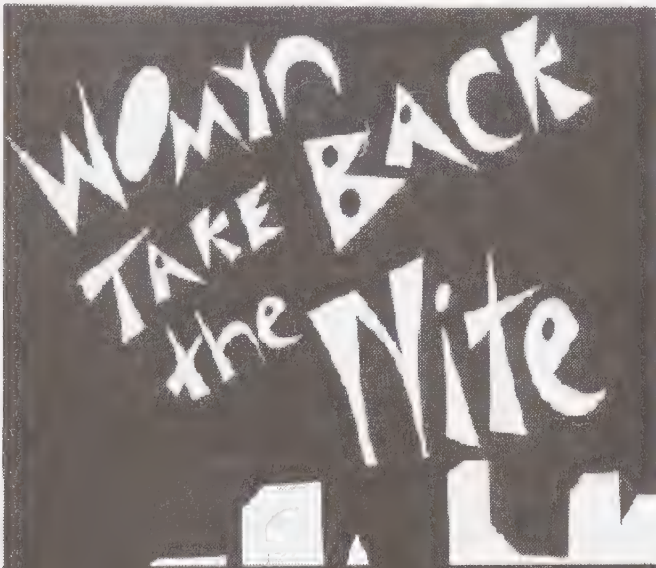
If you are a student, and would like to apply for one of the scholarships the Court awards at the Ball, applications are available on our WebPages at [www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt](http://www.geocities.com/wildrosecourt). And if you are thinking of running for Emperor or Empress 26, applications will be out June 15 with deadlines for submission on July 16. You can contact us through our WebPages for an application. They will also be available at various locations in the city.

Well that's about it for this month. It's gonna be a very busy one for us, and then, after a very small breather, we get into Coronation Month. Hang on Toto...

## How to File a Complaint.

Now that The Human Rights, Citizenship and Multiculturalism has been altered by the Supreme Court of Canada you have the right to file a complaint, if you are discriminated against based on your sexual orientation. Please ensure that you document clearly your facts remembering "W5" Who, what, where, when, why. You will need all of these fact in order to file a complaint.

Please see the complete documentation at [www.times10.org/rights.htm](http://www.times10.org/rights.htm)



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## Pride Week Events

**June 16**

**After Unity Party**

**2 for 1 drink for dance stubs**

**June 18**

**50 Cent**

**Hiballs from 7 to 9 PM**

**June 19**

**Buck a glass draft  
from 9 to 10 PM**



**June 20**

**15 Cent Wings**

**\$1.00 Shooters 11 - 12**

**June 21**

**\$2 Buck Domestic Beer 7-9 PM**

**June 22**

**DJ Blue**

**June 23**

**\$2.00 Hiballs**

**\$2.00 Domestic Beer**

**10 'till close**

# Pride - Its Meaning and Its Goals

Many identify the Stonewall Riots as the beginning of community organization in North America. In 1969, tired of police harassment, the patrons of the Stonewall bar in New York City, led by a handful of gays (some in drag), rose up in protest at the arrests and humiliation. Political activity was sparked by the event, and the first organized Pride march was planned the year following by the Christopher Street Liberation Day Committee to remember the Stonewall riots.

In the early 1970s, not everyone in the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered communities wanted to remember Stonewall. For some, the violence had been an embarrassment. Nor was it obvious that a march would necessarily be the best way to observe whatever Stonewall represented.

From that first march in

1970, the visibility of the gay and lesbian movement has increased dramatically. Many milestones in the history of acceptance have occurred in and around Pride marches: the Anita Bryant protest, AIDS awareness, and demonstrations for same-sex relationship recognition. In Canada, protests around police raids on gay bathhouses in the 1980s are considered by many to mark the Canadian equivalent of Stonewall.

Has Pride actually changed its focus since the early days after Stonewall? Debates continue about whether Pride should be political or celebratory, while increasing corporate sponsorship and the growing size of the festivals have brought other changes.

Nonetheless, Pride events remain one of the few times of the year when the community comes together in all its diversity, a time when all types, flavours, and styles of gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgendered people along with straight friends and family, rub elbows with each other. In the midst of this challenge of large-scale diversity, Pride Committees across the country work on the daunting task of putting on an event that will be relevant to all. One which

will celebrate and strengthen the pride and health of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people, their families and the community as a whole. The aims of Pride celebrations include:

To develop personal pride in gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people;

To enhance pride and involvement in our communities;

To foster a greater awareness and acceptance of our diversity;

To strengthen the ability to deal with different health issues that are facing our community, i.e. HIV/AIDS, breast cancer etc.

To increase public awareness of gay men, lesbians, bisexuals and transgendered people in the wider community.

## Evolution of the Rainbow Flag

Colour has long played an important role in our communities' history and expression of pride. In Victorian England, for example, the colour green was associated with homosexuality. The colour purple (or, more accurately, lavender)

became popularized for the lesbian and gay communities with "Purple Power". And, of course there are the pink and black triangles. The pink triangle was first used by Hitler to identify gay males in Nazi concentration camps, and the black triangle was similarly used to identify lesbians and others deemed "asocial". The pink and black triangle symbols were reclaimed by our communities in the early 1980s to signify our strength of spirit and willingness to survive oppression.

As we gain acceptance of our rights, the symbols of oppression are gradually being replaced by the symbols of celebration. By far the most colourful of our symbols is the Rainbow flag, and its rainbow of colours - red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple, which represent the diversity of our communities.

The first rainbow flag was designed in 1978 by Gilbert Baker, a San Francisco artist, in response to calls by activists for a symbol for the community. Baker used the five-striped "Flag of the Race" as his inspiration, and designed a flag with eight stripes: pink, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo, and violet. These colours were intended to represent respectively: sexuality, life, healing, sun, nature, art, harmony, and spirit.

Baker dyed and sewed the material for the first flag himself.

When Baker approached a company to mass-produce the flags, he found out that "hot pink" was not commercially available. The flag was then reduced to seven stripes.

In November 1978, San Francisco's lesbian, gay and bisexual community was stunned when the city's first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, was assassinated. Wanting to demonstrate the gay community's strength and gays and lesbians as having a single, monolithic "agenda", the reality is that ours is an extraordinarily diverse community. Across all races and cultural backgrounds, across all languages, with or without disabilities, across all religions, our communities continue to flourish. Sometimes, our own communities are divided between gay and lesbian, between "gay" and "queer", between those in big cities and those in the suburbs and small towns, between "assimilationists" and those who want to live apart from the mainstream. While diversity poses its challenges, it is also enriching. There are as many opinions as there are people. There is no lesbian, gay, bisexual or

transgendered "lifestyle"; there are only lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people. Millions of us, each one unique. This is our strength.

## So, Why should we bother?

Because the government will not allow us to marry the person of our choice; Because people are still denied jobs, promotions or denied accommodation because of their sexual orientation; Because gay teenagers are disproportionately at risk of suicide;

Because Canadians are still beaten or murdered for being lesbian, gay, bisexual or transgendered;

Because we are still made to feel uncomfortable when holding the hand of a partner while walking down the street;

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## Alberta Pflag

Meets the last Sunday of each month at Knox-Met Church. The Church is located at the corner of 109 Street and 83 Avenue. Meeting time is 2 P.M. Contact Ellen by phone at 465-3057 or by e-mail [showrisha@compusmart.ab.ca](mailto:showrisha@compusmart.ab.ca).

## Alcoholics Anonymous

A A is a fellowship of men and women who share their experience, strength and hope with each other that they may solve their common problem and help others to recover from alcoholism. The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop drinking. Call 424-5900 for times and places of Gay and Lesbian meetings.

## Arctic FrontRunners

We are a group of gay and lesbian runners that meets on Sunday mornings for a run on the river valley trail system. We are a recreational group and runners of all speeds are welcome. The length of our runs varies from about 7 to 10 km. We yak, laugh, and socialize during the runs and often go for brunch together

afterward. During the spring, summer, and fall, we meet beneath the electronic sign at 87 Ave and 114 St on the University campus at 11:00 AM. For more information, call Bill at 436-7892.

## AXIOS - Edmonton

AXIOS is an international organization of Eastern Orthodox and Eastern-Rite Catholic Gay and Lesbian Christians. Our mandate is to promote a greater understanding of human sexuality and spirituality within the Eastern Christian tradition. The AXIOS monthly newsletter is available via the Internet.

## Badminton League

The badminton league is designed for men and women of all ages and experience. Players who are interested can participate in Calgary's Western Cup Tournament during the Easter Long Weekend. For further information, please contact Bruce at 453-1244 (email: [cwbyteddy@powersurft.com](mailto:cwbyteddy@powersurft.com)) or Dennis at 471-4409.

## Bare Naked Boys Club of Edmonton - BNBCE

A naturist group of gay men in Edmonton interested in social nudity. This is not a sex club. Men of all ages welcome. Call Fred at 471-6993 and at the email address [bnbc@interbaun.com](mailto:bnbc@interbaun.com)

## The B.E.A.R.S of

## Edmonton

A group for hairy men and their admirers meet the first and third Saturday of each month 9:00 p. m. - 11:00 p.m. at Buddys Night Club. Or write us at #47, 10024-82nd Avenue, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada T6E 1Z3. Our email address is [bears@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:bears@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca). Our WebPages are: [Bears Edmonton](http://BearsEdmonton)

## Brethren Mennonite Council

For Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual concerns. This is a support community for gay, lesbian and bisexual Mennonites and friends. Contact Tim at 434-5360 or Heather at 987-4974. Email address [jonrach@msn.com](mailto:jonrach@msn.com)

## Dignity Edmonton

This Edmonton chapter is a support community for gay and lesbian Catholics and friends. Contact Bernard at 451-1794 or Joseph at 481-4218

## Classics

A social group for lesbians over 40. Meetings on the first Sunday of the month at 2 p.m. Call Donna at 456-1008

## Edmonton PFLAG/T

Parents, Families & Friends of Lesbians & Gays. Edmonton PFLAG/T promotes the health and well-being of Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender persons, their families and friends through support,

education and advocacy. Meetings are held the 3rd Tuesday of the month at GLCCE. For information contact, Lynne at 462-5958 or e-mail: [pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:pflag@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca).

## Edmonton Prime Timers

We are a chapter of Prime Timers Worldwide, an international social organization for mature gay and bisexual men and their younger friends over 21. Our activities include: theatre nights, video nights, pub nights, Sunday brunches, and dining out. We meet the second Sunday of every month (except July and August) at 3:00 PM at the Unitarian Church of Edmonton (12530 110 Ave.) for a social period, a guest speaker, and an optional supper at a restaurant. For more information, contact Peter at 426-7019, Ron by e-mail at [mercury@planet.eon.net](mailto:mercury@planet.eon.net), or better yet...join us at our monthly meeting.

## Edmonton Rainbow Business Association (ERBA):

Gay men and Lesbians in business and our non-gay friends; Join us ...share your business knowledge, learn more, make new friends, network ... in positive, proud space where being yourself is the norm. Call Bill Faulkner for more information at 422 6207. Membership \$25.00/yr.

## Edmonton Vocal

## Minority

Women and men of all sexual orientations dedicated to sharing and preserving the cultural heritage of the queer community. Everyone is welcome to join this mixed voice choir as either a singer or a support member. Come and sing your pride! For information: Telephone: (780) 479.2038, E-mail: [evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca](mailto:evm@freenet.edmonton.ab.ca), on the web at: [EVM](http://EVM), or write to PO Box 12091, Main Post Office Edmonton, AB T5J 3L2.

## Equal=Alberta [Edmonton]

Equal=Alberta [Edmonton] is a group of concerned citizens working to ensure gay and lesbian Albertans remain protected under Alberta's Human Rights Legislation and to ensure equal treatment for all Albertans. Call: (780) 488-3234 Fax (780) 482-2855. By Email: [equalalberta@hotmail.com](mailto:equalalberta@hotmail.com)

## Feather of Hope Aboriginal AIDS Prevention Society

The Feather of Hope was founded on a need to provide AIDS education and support to Native People in Alberta. Through education and the development of communities in partnership, it is hoped that the spread of AIDS will be lessened. Volunteers are very important to us. If you can help, or would simply like some more information call 488-5773

## Free-To-Be Volleyball Association

The Association aspires to

provide opportunities for our community to play volleyball in a supportive atmosphere. 1) C-Recreation - contact Rick at 474-6785; 2) Beach (summer) - contact Rick at 474-6785; 3) B-Intermediate - contact Darcy at 425-7316; 4) Tournament - contact Andrew at 435-9379. Email: [ftb.volleyball@telusplanet.net](mailto:ftb.volleyball@telusplanet.net) Website: [FTB Volleyball](http://FTB Volleyball)

## Gay Men's Wednesday Coffee Evenings.

At 7:30 p.m. Café on Whyte at 10159 - 82 Avenue. This group fosters a safe, comfortable environment for all its participants. At the same time, it discourages attendance solely for sexual relations. Join us to relax, share experiences, and establish friendships. There is no age limit. Tel: 780-463-2098 (Graham) E-mail: [gaysapiens@yahoo.ca](mailto:gaysapiens@yahoo.ca). WebPages: [Coffee Evenings](http://Coffee Evenings)

## Gay Men's Outreach Crew (GMOC)

GMOC is a peer education initiative for gay/bisexual men that works toward: preventing the spread of HIV among men who have sex with men, advocating for healthy lifestyle choices, and addressing social and health concerns by fostering self-esteem and gay positive attitudes. For information on GMOC workshops and other activities, please call Rob at (780) 488-3234

## HIV Network of Edmonton Society (HIV Edmonton)

HIV Edmonton works cooperatively with all those organizations in Alberta and across the country that are

working to help limit the spread of HIV infection. HIV Edmonton utilizes a best practices Harm Reduction approach in Health Promotion, Advocacy and Support, as well as, maintaining an extensive Resource Centre for use by health practitioners, health promoters, community organizations and those infected and affected by HIV. For more information on the activities of HIV Edmonton, please call (780) 488-5742 or contact us by email at [mail@hivedmonton.com](mailto:mail@hivedmonton.com). Visit our Website at [HIV Edmonton](http://HIV Edmonton)

## Illusions Social Club

A social club for Cross-dressers, Transsexuals and their supporters. We hold two socials each month, one on the second Thursday and one on the third Saturday. For more information, write to Illusions Social Club. Our mailing address is: Box 1852, Edmonton, T5K 2P2; or phone 488-3234 on Tuesday evenings to talk to someone person to person.

## Imperial Sovereign Court of the Wild Rose

The mission of the Court is to raise funds for charities and other organizations which provide direct services to gay and lesbian individuals. Meetings of the Society are held at 8 PM on the last Wednesday of the month at the Garage. Our e-mail is: [wildrosecourt@yahoo.com](mailto:wildrosecourt@yahoo.com). Visit our WebPages at: [Wild Rose Court](http://Wild Rose Court)

## ICARE Interfaith Centre for AIDS/HIV Resources & Education

Formerly Interfaith Association on AIDS, the purpose of Interfaith Centre is to enhance well-being by offering resources and opportunities for education to service providers and communities. This will lead to an increased understanding of the spiritual and psycho-social needs of those affected by HIV & AIDS. You can contact us at 780-448-1768 or by e-mail at [icarealberta@aol.com](mailto:icarealberta@aol.com)

## Lambda Christian Community Church

We are a non-denominational evangelical Christian church. One of our primary goals is to provide a safe and affirming environment for all who desire to worship God. Lambda Community Church, 11148-84 Avenue (Garneau United Place) Edmonton, T6G 0V8. Call 474-0753. Weekly Sunday service at 7 p.m. e-mail: [Lambdachurch@aol.com](mailto:Lambdachurch@aol.com)

## Liatris Society

An informal social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgendered and straight people who enjoy gardening and outdoor nature activities. For information, contact [liatrisociety@hotmail.com](mailto:liatrisociety@hotmail.com) or John at 492-4958.

## Liaison Committee, The

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# Support Groups and Services

Police Service and the Gay and Lesbian community met for a liaison to promote an atmosphere of understanding and mutual respect. For more info, call Edmonton Police Service at 423-4567 or contact the committee at 421-2277.

## Living Positive

Emotional, spiritual and psychological support is available through Living Positive to all those affected by HIV infection. We offer strong, loving, confidential support. We also meet weekly and share our mutual experiences. Living Positive is entirely directed by and for people who share a common diagnosis of HIV+. Peer counseling, hospital visits and a speakers bureau are also available through our society. Phone 488-5768 or e-mail: [livepos@connect.ab.ca](mailto:livepos@connect.ab.ca).

## Long Yang Club Edmonton Chapter

We are an International organization for Gay-Asians and non-Asians. We are the worlds largest with chapters in 28 cities and 11 countries. Come and Join US! Contact us via e-mail at: [gaysapiens@yahoo.ca](mailto:gaysapiens@yahoo.ca).

## Lutherans Concerned: Edmonton

We are a spiritual community for lesbian, gay, bisexual and straight people. Lutherans Concerned gathers monthly

for worship, sharing, and friendship. We offer individual support and a safe space for our own spiritual questions. Call 462-2146, or write P.O. Box 11095, Edmonton, AB, T5J 3K4 e-mail: [luthconc@crossroadsedmonton.com](mailto:luthconc@crossroadsedmonton.com)

## Making Waves Swim Club (MWSC)

Making Waves Swim Club is open to all that have an interest in swimming at any level: learn to swim, stroke improvement or competitive training. Our first swim practice of our 2000/20001 season will start, September 10th at a new location, Confederation Pool, 11204-43 Avenue, Sundays from 7-8:30 p.m. and Thursday evenings at 8:30 - 9:30 p.m. Contact us at: 1. WebPages: [makingwaves.edm@yahoo.com](http://makingwaves.edm@yahoo.com) 3. Phone: Warren 780-718-7598. 4. Attend a practice - your first swim is free!

## NLA Edmonton

The National Leather Association is the largest and most active pansexual organization in the world. It serves the Leather, SM, Fetish communities. We are an all inclusive organization made up of fun-loving, caring, educated and focused people. Join us at our meetings held upstairs at The Roost, 10345-104 Street every 3rd Thursday of the month.

## Northern Chaps

Edmonton's Leather - Fetish club for Gay,

Lesbian, and straight men and womyn was established sixteen years ago. We strike to educate the rest of the community through workshops, staged demonstrations and events in order to heighten awareness. Northern Chaps meets at Buddys Nite Club the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. E-mail us at: [Northernchaps@telusplanet.net](mailto:Northernchaps@telusplanet.net)

## Northern Titans

Northern Titans International Bowling League meets every Wednesday and Saturday, September to April, at Gateway Bowling Centre. For more information, please call Garry Billett at (780) 426-6311. WebPages at: [NorthernTitans](http://NorthernTitans)

## O2 Curling

We meet on Fridays from 6-8 p.m. at the Granite Curling Club. All skill levels, singles or teams are welcome. Call 479-0211 or E-mail us at: [ldeeka@hotmail.com](mailto:ldeeka@hotmail.com)

## Open Door Club

Grant MacEwan College group. Anyone is welcome, including students, college employees, people from the area, perspective students, alumni or people who are interested in meeting other people. Our WebPages are at: [Opendoorclub@hotmail.com](http://Opendoorclub@hotmail.com)

## Out at the Symphony

A unique social event for gay men. Meet other music lovers on Saturday evenings

for concerts of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra Masters mini-series 1. Enjoy special guest speakers, reserved café tables at intermission and post-show fun. Contact Paul at 428-1108 ext. 240 for more information.

## Outdoors Club

Have you an interest in backcountry hiking/camping? If so, the Outdoors Club is for you. Our purpose is to get people together for hiking/camping trips, primarily within the Rockies and surrounding area. The activities of this club will be member focused and member initiated. Individuals at all skill levels are welcome to participate. For information, please contact us at 780-430-0759 or e-mail: [glb\\_outdoors@hotmail.com](mailto:glb_outdoors@hotmail.com) or visit our WebPages at [Outdoors Club](http://OutdoorsClub)

## OUTreach

OUTreach is a university-based organization for gays, lesbians and bisexuals interested in an academic atmosphere. Meetings are held every Tuesday at 5:00 p.m. on campus, main floor of the Athabasca Hall. Topics vary from week to week. Additional information is available by e-mail: [outreach@ualberta.ca](mailto:outreach@ualberta.ca). They also have a WebPages at [OUTreach U of A](http://OUTreachUofA)

## Roller-blading Club

Looking for individuals from beginner to expert interested

in forming an informal roller-blading club. This spring & summer we would meet once or twice a week in the river valley, with the possibility of ongoing roller-blading clinics. E-mail Randy at: [r\\_malibu@yahoo.com](mailto:r_malibu@yahoo.com) for more information.

## Team Edmonton

Team Edmonton - Gay Games Association is set up to provide an opportunity for persons interested in participating in the Gay Games through fund raising. If you would like to be involved with Team Edmonton, call Johann at 437-0687.

## Yours Mine Ours and Us

Parenting support group for glbt parents, partners. Meets the first and third Wed. of the month from 7 - 9 p.m. Small donations for room costs. Issues of parenting, sharing skills, coming out to kids, discipline etc. Call Liz at 415-5434 or Garry at 426-6311 for more information. This is peer support, not a therapy group, nor a dating service. WebPages at: [Yours Mine Ours Us](#)

## Youth Understanding Youth

We meet every Saturday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Gay and Lesbian Centre of Edmonton, Suite 103, 10612-124 Street. A social support group for anyone under the age of 25 years. For more information, or to give your input, e-mail: [yuyedm@hotmail.com](mailto:yuyedm@hotmail.com)

## Visions - Unitarian Church of Edmonton

We are an open, liberal religious community that value diversity and celebrate our Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgendered members. With us, you are encouraged with open mind and heart to form your own set of personal beliefs. Sunday services at 9:30am and 11:15am. 12530 - 110 Avenue Ph. 454-8073. For more information, call Mike at 482-6582.

## Volleyball Recreation League

We meet every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at McCauley Elementary-Jr. High School, 9538-107 Avenue. Updates available at: [Volleyball Recreation](#)

## Volleyball Intermediate League

We meet every Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Londonderry Jr. High School, 7104-144 Avenue. Updates available at: [Volleyball Intermediate](#)

## Womyn's Volleyball League

Free-To-Be Volleyball Association has initiated a womyn's only league for the first time this year. The season runs until May 28 and new members are welcome at any point. A drop-in fee of \$5 or a registration fee of \$35 is in effect. Monday nights 7 - 9 p.m. at Highlands Jr. High School (11509 - 62 St. - please use entrance off parking lot. For more information, please contact: Pam at 459-9370 [p\\_mcewin@hotmail.com](mailto:p_mcewin@hotmail.com) or Jenn at 424-5100

[gmwolf@hotmail.com](mailto:gmwolf@hotmail.com)

## Womonspace

We are a social and recreational society for lesbians in Edmonton. We hold monthly dances and other activities. Look for our monthly newsletter around town, or phone 482-1794. Visit our WebPages at [Womonspace](#)

## Writers Club

There are several successful gay writers in Edmonton. Many more write as a hobby just for the fun of it. The goal is to establish a Writers Club, which will encourage and support the serious writers of the future, and at the same time increase the pleasure of the hobbyists. The Writers Club meets biweekly on Mondays from 7:30PM to 9:30PM. For further information, location and the next meeting date, contact Graham 463-2098 or e-mail: [gaysapiens@yahoo.ca](mailto:gaysapiens@yahoo.ca)

## Regional Organizations

### AIDS Yellowknife

Website: [AIDS Yellowknife](#)

### Freedom Fort McMurray

A social Support group for Gays/Lesbian/Bisexual &

Transgendered Persons and their friends. For information on upcoming events and inquiring into membership, please call our Freedom line (780) 799-GAY1 (4291). To speak directly with a welcoming committee member, call between 3-6pm on Tuesdays or Thursdays. You may mail us at Freedom Fort McMurray c/o Money Mart Suite #1, 9713 Harding St. Fort McMurray, AB T9H 1L2.

## Grande Prairie

Gay and Lesbian Community, Box 1492, Grande Prairie, AB T8V 4Z3. E-mail: [pellerin@gprc.ab.ca](mailto:pellerin@gprc.ab.ca)

## Northern Rainbow Youth

A support group for High School students. Our email address is [nry13\\_18@hotmail.com](mailto:nry13_18@hotmail.com). Any high school student can get more info by contacting their school guidance counselor. If you want more info yourself, then you can call Crystal at (780) 790-0775 at work.

## Out North

Box 2827, Yellowknife, NT. X1A 2R2, Phone line: 867-669-7279. WebPages: [Out North E-mail:out\\_north99@hotmail.com](#)

Your group can be listed here as a community service of Times .10. Please try to keep your listing updated. This is not the place to make announcements of upcoming events, just general information and a contact. E-mail your listing to [groups@times10.org](mailto:groups@times10.org)

# A View from the Top

## SM vs Abuse

This month I have copied an article found on the web



that should speak to all members of our community. While it is a document from 1998 it still raises a lot of very important points. Please read it carefully.

This DRAFT of "SM vs. Abuse" is a compilation of feedback on the SM vs. Abuse

statement released by LLC II in 1998. Please distribute this to the SM-Leather-Fetish community at large. To give your input, which will be included in determining the wording on the final document released by LLC III, April 16-18, 1999, please contact: Susan Wright at 20

Kbeaton919@aol.com or 718-383-3318. This form is also posted on the LLC III website at: <http://www.leatherweb.com/LLCIII/prognose.htm>

DRAFT for LLC III  
(April 16-18, 1999)

### SM vs. Abuse

The following Principles and Guidelines are intended to help law enforcement and social services professionals understand the difference between abusive relationships vs. SM. SM is a complex group of behaviors between consenting adults involving the consensual exchange of power, and the giving and receiving of intense erotic sensation and/or mental discipline.

SM includes: "Intimate activities within the scope of consent that is freely given."

Abuse is: "Acts inflicted on a person without their freely given consent."

### Principles

1. The SM-Leather-Fetish communities recognize the phrase "Safe, Sane,

Consensual" as the best brief summary of principles guiding SM practices:

2. Safe is being knowledgeable about the

techniques and safety concerns involved in what you are doing.

3. Sane is knowing the difference between fantasy and reality.

4. Consensual is respecting the limits imposed by each participant. One of the recognized ways to maintain limits is through a "safeword" which ensures the bottom/submissive can end the activity with a word or gesture.

### Guidelines

Consent must be judged by balancing the following criteria for each encounter at the time the acts occurred:

- Was consent expressly denied or withdrawn?
- Were there factors that negated the consent?
- What is the relationship of the participants?
- What was the nature of the activity?
- What was the intent of the accused abuser?

Whether an individual's SM role is Top/Dominant or bottom/submissive, they could be suffering abuse if they answer no to any of the following questions:

- Are your needs and limits respected?
- Is your relationship built on honesty, trust, and respect?
- Are you able to express

feelings of guilt or jealousy or unhappiness?

4. Can you function in everyday life?

5. Can you refuse to do illegal activities?

6. Can you insist on safe sex practices?

7. Does the relationship interfere with your interaction with family and friends?

8. Can you leave the situation without fearing that you will be harmed, or fearing the other participant(s) will harm themselves?

9. Can you exercise self-determination with money, employment, and life decisions?

10. Do you feel free to discuss your practices and feelings with anyone you choose?

On a lighter note, Northern Chaps is hosting the first of what we hope will be an annual entry into the Edmonton Pride Festival: Mr. Edmonton Leather Contest. The venue is the Arts Barns in Old Strathcona and will be held on the June 16<sup>th</sup> weekend. Posters are up all over the province, but if you have missed them by chance the details are all posted at our website [www.sandmproductions.com/northernchaps](http://www.sandmproductions.com/northernchaps). Come out with your best fetish wear on because its gonna be the MUST attend event of this year's pride.

Yours in Pride and Leather  
Scott Bryen  
AKA LthrAussie

# I Love Parades

I am not sure what it is about parades that I find so appealing—the spectacle, the fun, the noise or the glamour—but I love parades and I especially love ‘being’ in parades! Cariwest, Lunar New Year, and Grey Cup or Pride parades—I find them all fun.

Back in about 1981, as I best remember, I went to my first pride parade (which was a march) that was part of a western gay conference held here in Edmonton. Most of the conference took place at the Masonic Temple and the march was downtown on Saturday. I was too afraid to be in the parade but did go to watch it. I believe it took place on the sidewalk (I doubt that any permits were requested or issued by the city) and I think that there were no more than 30 or so people, mostly from out of town. I don’t know if there had been any previous lesbian/gay parades or

march before that, but that was my first. And things have changed!

In July of 1981 or 2, I was part of a group from the old GATE and Privacy Defense Committee that built a pink raft with a huge pink triangle sail called Pisces II. We entered the Klondike Raft Races and with 5 others aboard, I floated down the Saskatchewan River on a Sunday during Klondike Days—we even made the front page of the Sun newspaper!

I spent the 1983-84 year in San Francisco and marched in the massive, awesome candlelight parade in honour of Harvey Milk. For as far as I could see, there were thousands and thousands of candles. I will never forget the sight or the impression that it made on me. Later that year I watched San Francisco’s

Pride Parade. What a spectacle and what fun—there were hundreds of dykes on bikes and the sisters of perpetual indulgence went on forever! There were over 200,000 people watching the parade and it took over 90 minutes for the entire parade to pass! I was hooked!

In the late eighties, we had annual Pride rallies in the plaza between the Westin Hotel and the Library. Mayor Jan Reimer spoke, as did Mayor Glenn Murray from Winnipeg who at that time was an alderman. There did not seem to be the energy or volunteers to organize a parade but with the success of these rallies more and more people talked of having a

parade—and the first ‘modern day’ parade was decided upon to be held in Old Strathcona on Whyte Avenue.

I was part of the group that helped plan and organize the Pride Parade in 1992-I think. Although we worked hard, I remember that we all wondered whether anyone would actually show up! One of my proudest moments in Edmonton was on that Saturday when I rounded the corner to the Gazebo Park, there were hundreds of people, banners and a couple of floats! It was awesome! I was astounded...and it turned out to be great fun!

And who can forget the year that it rained—it has become part of lesbian/gay folklore. “I was at the Pride Parade the year it rained”. And it did rain—all day and dropped buckets as we left the Gazebo for Whyte Avenue!

And now we are on Jasper Avenue! This year, the 2001 parade will begin at 2pm on Saturday June 16. We will meet on 111<sup>th</sup> St. just north of Jasper (remember Queen City Meats?) and will travel down Jasper all the way to 121<sup>st</sup> St and turn north to Oliver Park. Do come—it will be fun!

(If you have questions or comments about city issues, please contact Councilor Michael Phair at 496-8146 (ph), 496-8113 (fax) or e-mail michael.phair@gov.edmonton.ab.ca)



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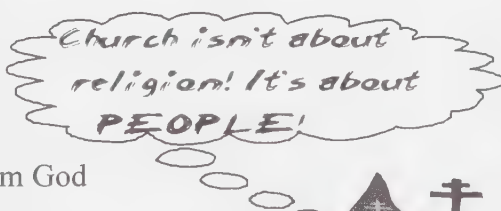
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# Upcoming 25th Anniversary

By Michael Andrews

**Upcoming 25th Anniversary - San Francisco SFGSL Gay Softball World Series in August 2001! First year, for THEME SONG, Just Another Dream (Let the Games Begin) Featuring Remixes from Doug Laurent (LaBouche/Culture Beat/Sash!).**



San Francisco is the proud host this year for the SFGSL, [www.sfgsl.org](http://www.sfgsl.org), 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary World Series in August, 2001. There will be up to 20,000 participants from all over the United States and Canada competing for various World Series softball titles.

Contact Information: San Francisco Gay Softball League Hotline: 415-436-0707, 584 Castro Street PMB 835 San Francisco, CA 94114 Visit NAGAAA at: [www.nagaaa.org](http://www.nagaaa.org) North American Gay Amateur Athletic Alliance Mission Statement: The purpose of the SFGSL is based on 5 principles:

- 1.) To provide an opportunity for lesbian and gay people to play organized softball in an environment that is safe, healthy, and free of negative attitudes based on differences in sexual orientation.
- 2.) To promote good sportsmanship.
- 3.) To promote the general welfare of its members and the community.
- 4.) To promote the development of positive relationships among its members and the community.
- 5.) To organize and promote participation by its members in such athletic, social, cultural, or charitable activities as may serve the preceding purposes.

In addition, Boys Next Door is performing the first ever THEME SONG, (Let the Games Begin) Just Another Dream at the opening ceremonies, August 11th. All proceeds from the album sales will go to the SFGSL from May 1st, 2001 - August 14th, 2001. Boys Next Door is working with top dance music producers from all over the world. Daniel Hagenfeldt

(Sweden), Doug Laurent (Germany) and Cary August (San Francisco) and the album, Just Another Dream (Let the Games Begin) will feature their 8-9 different mixes of (Let the Games Begin) available at MP3, [www.mp3.com](http://www.mp3.com) under Boys Next Door, May 1st, 2001. Doug Laurent is acclaimed for his remixes for Sash!, Boney M, La Bouche and Culture Beat among many other worldwide acts. EMI France recording artist, Cary August and "Naked Boys Singing" star, Jared Fortunato will also lend their talents to the album and performance.

Boys Next Door comments, "Just Another Dream (Let the Games Begin) is a story of someone overcoming odds in their life and making it happen for themselves. We are thrilled to be contributing to this year's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the SFGSL Gay Softball World Series in San Francisco." Boys Next Door's Web Site/Email: [www.geocities.com/NewDesire\\_2000/newdesire.html](http://www.geocities.com/NewDesire_2000/newdesire.html) [moviestheatrerrunning@yahoo.com](mailto:moviestheatrerrunning@yahoo.com)

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# A Short History of AIDS Drugs

There are several drugs, which specifically target HIV at different points in its life cycle. Using them in combination has proved much more effective than prescribing them one at a time. In Europe and the US, combination therapy has resulted in a huge drop in Aids deaths and in some people the drugs have reduced the virus to undetectable levels. However, the drugs do have side effects, they do not work for all people and the effectiveness of individual

drugs can wear off. And they are very expensive. What were the first anti-HIV drugs?

The first drugs to be developed to combat HIV were AZT (also called zidovudine or Retrovir), ddI (didanosine or Videx) and ddC (zalcitabine or Hivid). These all belong to a group of drugs called nucleoside analogues or reverse transcriptase inhibitors.

They inhibit the action of an enzyme called reverse transcriptase which enables HIV to spread, leading to a breakdown of the patient's immune system. AZT taken alone has been shown to reduce HIV transmission from woman to baby. Women who avoid breast-feeding and take AZT are about 66% less likely

to pass on the virus to their child.

Using combinations of drugs

Scientists noticed that people using more than one of the drugs were less likely to develop Aids, the syndrome of diseases caused when HIV has destroyed the immune system. They were therefore more likely to live longer. In the UK, five nucleoside analogues have been licensed. In addition to AZT, ddI and ddC, doctors can also prescribe 3TC (lamivudine or Epivir) and d4T (stavudine or Zerit). Some patients are also taking part in trials for another nucleoside analogue drug called abacavir.

Another group of drugs, which stops the reverse transcriptase enzyme from working, is non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors or NNRTIs for short. One, nevirapine, has been licensed in the US and is available in the UK. Two others are being tested. The drugs are particularly effective for people who have not had any other anti-HIV drugs before, but they have to be taken with at least two nucleoside analogues.

Other anti-HIV drugs

There are three licensed drugs in Europe, which target another enzyme, which helps HIV to spread.

They are usually used in combination with nucleoside analogues. They are indinavir (sold as Crixivan), ritonavir (trade name Norvir) and saquinavir (sold as Invirase). Using a protease inhibitor in combination with other anti-HIV drugs can reduce the progress of HIV and the risk

of death by 50% in people whose immune systems have been severely compromised. The benefits for those whose immune systems have been so severely attacked by HIV is not as noticeable. However, combinations that contain indinavir or ritonavir can reduce the virus to almost undetectable levels in many people with HIV. Scientists are creating more protease inhibitors.

Resistance

When HIV reproduces, it can produce different strains which may be resistant to some drugs. In some cases, the new strains can be resistant not just to one drug, but to other related drugs. The mutation of HIV is one of the main reasons that a particular combination of drugs can lose effectiveness over time. People are advised to change their combination of drugs if it becomes less successful at fighting HIV. Drug-resistant HIV can be transmitted from person to person through body fluids - the same way as ordinary HIV.

Taking combination therapy

Taking the wrong dose of anti-HIV drugs or the wrong combination can be more dangerous in the long run than not taking the drugs at all. This is because wrongly treated HIV can reproduce at very high rates and produce resistant strains very quickly. Taking combination therapy can be very disruptive to daily life.

The drugs have to be taken at the right time in the right doses.

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# In response to Mr. Garry Billet's article on "What is a Community" in the May issue.

*Michael Kurylo*

I wrote an article and submitted it to Times.10 last October, outlining what the problem is in this city. I don't think anyone really read it.. And if they did, they didn't really care. You see Garry, this city is community-less. We don't have a community here; we only have back patters that want their 15 minutes of fame. Yes there are those who do give a damn, and are out there fighting for "The Community". But they are only a handful, they are the ones who put themselves out in the open, in the eye of the media, and are not scared to say, "I am gay." But you have to also understand that our community here in Edmonton is rather small when you start counting heads and they are the coattail riders. Yes they go to the events; yes they support parts of the community. But, when it comes to exposure, they crawl right back under

their rocks until the coast is clear.

My main point of this all is. You have to have support to make a community; Edmonton doesn't have this in any form. No one is willing work together for a common cause. Pride week

is one example. I all hear is a bunch of whining, bitching and mud slinging about what everyone else is doing; so much for Pride, eh? Maybe once people start learning how to work together instead of against each other, we might start having a community that we can be proud of.

## Greater Edmonton Pride Pages

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## AIDS Drugs

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Some have to be taken on an empty stomach and others on a full stomach.

It is vital that patients do not forget to take their pills as, if the level of drugs in the bloodstream drops too low, HIV may develop resistance to them. The side effects associated with the different anti-HIV drugs vary according to the drug and the individual taking them. They can include anaemia.

Because of the difficulties surrounding combination therapy, some HIV organisations have developed services for helping people take their medicine and for giving them more information about the different drugs.

### Expense

The drugs are very expensive, which means it is difficult for governments in developing countries to pay for them. Combination therapy is estimated to cost around \$950 per month. At the end of last year, some firms involved in manufacturing drugs used in combination therapy reduced their prices for developing countries.

For example, in Uganda, the cost of combination therapy was reduced to around \$500 per month. However, this is still well out of the reach of most Ugandans. Even middle income Ugandans are only estimated to earn around \$400 a month.

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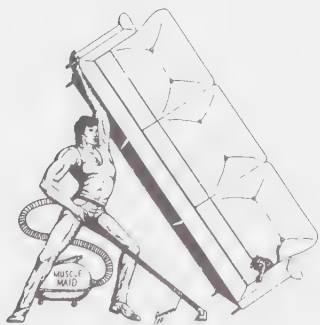
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# Speaking Of Normal

*By Liz Massiah, MSW,  
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*Member, Clinical  
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*And Gordon Portman,  
award-winning  
playwright.*

Column writing is an intriguing activity...some times it is so easy, and other times its like pulling hen's teeth to come up with something. Then, recently on Queer as Folk the issue of leather and sado-masochism was one of the themes. Bang, here is this

month's column.

First, do not go round saying that I trashed sado-masochism. Many hours are spent in my office talking about these questions, with men and with women, and that is where my opinions and experiences of it all come from.

Those experiences tend to have a commonality: when discussions start around sorting out what these activities mean for each person, the sexual behaviour part of the equation almost invariably fades into the background very quickly. On some level, discussions get back to issues covered in earlier columns (in particular: about

being an insider or an outsider, about how our activities match our stated values - or not). However, more often than not, discussions around sado-masochism turn to issues related to power and control in the relationship.

At this point, I want to explain why I use the full term, sado-masochism, and not the abbreviations of s/m, leather, or kink. To me, sado-masochistic behaviour is about exactly what the name implies: infliction and receiving of activities designed to produce pain/pleasure. The sexual aspects of it are just a sideline. Further: consider the linguistics, the words ... Master. Slave. These words have echoes of other words

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that manipulate pain and pleasure in a non-sexual context. Words like Hitler and Master Race. Apartheid. The pre-Civil War American South. Is it any wonder that issues about power come up when sado-masochism is put on the table?

Am I stretching things to make a point? You tell me. At one point in *Queer as Folk* the other night, the master was instructing the slave to call him Sir, and to speak only when spoken to. This sort of behaviour is not just basic training for masters and slaves in the "leather scene". It is also right out of basic training for the military, men and women all over the world who are trained to accept humiliation and domination,

supposedly so they will willingly take their place in the line of those who are next to be killed or to kill. Men and women who systematically have the capacity for independent thought, feeling and action drilled out of them. Men and women who often return from tours of duty profoundly traumatized, which—in my experience as a therapist to a number of military personnel—is often a result of denial of the capacity for independent thought, feeling and action. Is there danger in carrying this kind of practice, this kind of disciplining into a sexual situation?

Another concern: towards the end of that episode of *Queer as Folk*, a character who had

been nervous about sado-masochism decided to try it. The Master had earlier told him that he, as the slave, would be in charge: yet when they actually began the activity, there was no description, no "informed consent". Just a sort of "trust me to stop when you tell me". Yes it's "drama", and yes it's "television", and yes both tend to become selective when it comes to choosing which truths to use to make a dramatic point. But to me, a scene like that becomes less than responsible when it chooses to exploit something as potentially dangerous as total physical and emotional surrender to make a dramatic point... this was, ostensibly, about being adventurous, both sexually and in life.

Now it is often true for all of us, lots of the time, that pushing oneself and learning about one's limits is always challenging. It's why people run marathons, rock climb, strive to bake the perfect cake, grow the best flower or push themselves in a zillion other ways. Yes sometimes expanding one's limits involves putting oneself at higher physical and/or emotional risk. However, I think there is a real danger in confusing the power and control issues of sado-masochism with the legitimate desire to "become a bigger person" or "take a risk".

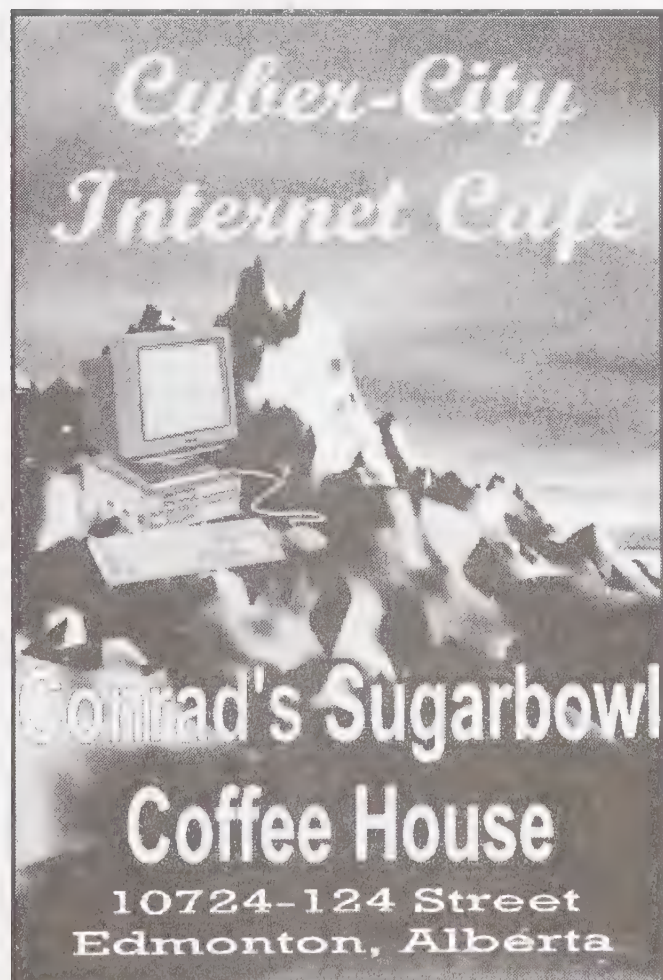
Some folks have said that participating in sado-masochistic sexual behaviour helps them to understand their own selves better. That's possibly true: again, how better to understand yourself than to push yourself and see how far you can go? Nevertheless, if expanding one's limits is the goal, how does the sex and pain enter

into it in a useful way? In addition, what about the stuff I hear so often, about how we need to fully experience our dark sides in order to manage them? It is my experience that many folks have tried that and not managed to change their darkness very much.

Does someone become a master because somewhere inside she feels a need to control something, anything in her life? If so, then it is not about sex, it is about power. Is someone a slave because he feels he deserves to be punished for something in his past? If the answer is yes, then it is not about sex, it is about self-esteem. Ultimately, how do you tell when a relationship is sado-masochistic for the sake of an innovative sexual life, and when it is about something more?

None of this is meant to suggest that sexual experimentation is a bad thing, or that to participate in sado-masochistic behaviour always a sign of deeper trauma. But, I am suggesting that in the life of a person who **does** participate in such behaviour, there might be room for wondering, for examination of a why or two. Making the behaviour a trigger for careful, respectful, enlightening self-examination, rather than doing it just because "you're in a rut", which is what the character in *Queer as Folk* was told.

*(Questions, comments are always welcome. The opinions in this column are those of the authors alone. They are not intended to replace consultation with an accredited professional psychotherapist; all anecdotes are significantly reworked to protect the sources.)* 27



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Speaking of pride, Womonspace will be participating in the pride parade. Come down to 111 Street, just north of Jasper Ave by the old Queen City Meats at 2 p.m. on June 16, look for the Womonspace banner, and march with us in the parade!

Pride Week is just the beginning of the exciting activities Womonspace has planned for the summer. We're hosting our ever-

popular Womonspace Golf Weekend on July 21 to 22 at the Country Nine Golf Course in Bashaw, AB (45 minutes north of Sherwood Park). It's a Texas scramble-style tournament, so no golfing experience is required. On Saturday night, we're providing a delicious supper banquet with lots of prizes and give-aways. The cost is \$25 for Womonspace members and \$30 for non-members, which includes camping for the weekend, green fees and Saturday night supper (golf clubs and cart rentals are extra). If you'd like to attend, or would like more information, leave a message at 482-1794, or e-mail

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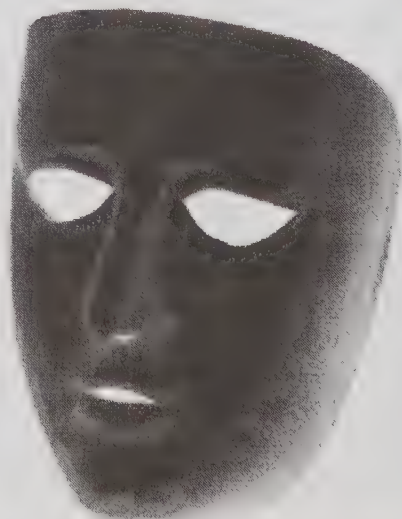
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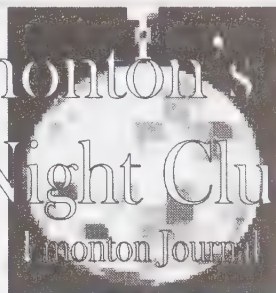
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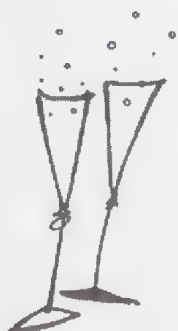


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Our journey was through the open aspen forest of the south side of Elk Island, about half an hour east of Edmonton. The well-worn trail, a flat loop about 18 km long, provides glimpses of several lakes and skirts by the occasional buffalo herd. It was the buffalo herds that we were trying to find.

Alas, it was not to be. A few moose were around at the start of our trip, though we had to nearly complete our trek before we came across a lone bull buffalo (who, fortunately, declined to challenge us). Perhaps we would have had better luck to start the loop from the other direction!

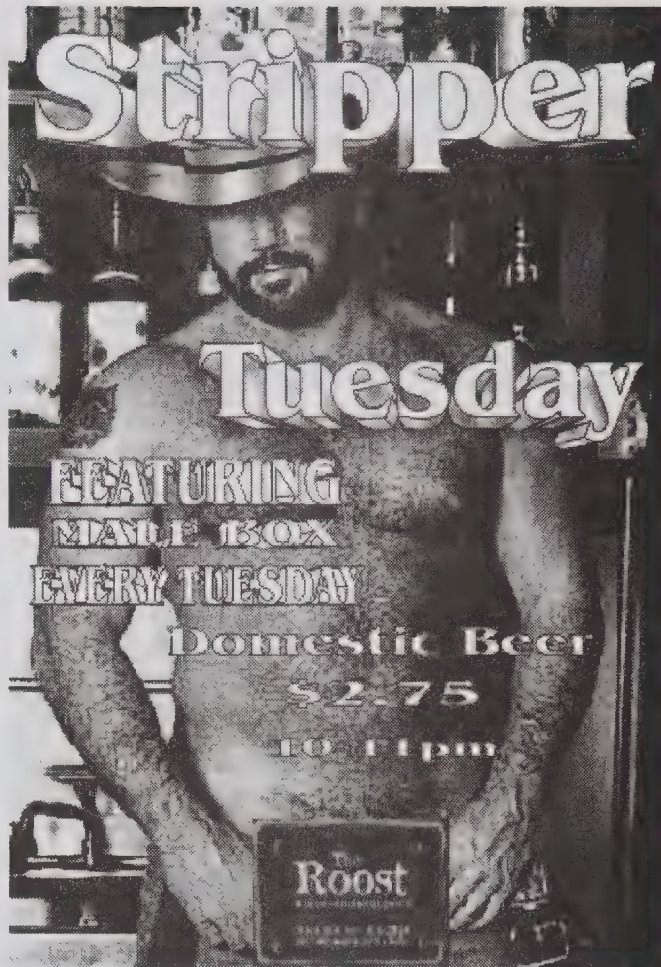
The weather was beautiful, and the group got to know

one another (and break in their boots a bit) for the more strenuous hikes planned for the coming weeks and months. This trip was capped off with pizza and the Gladiator DVD.

Our next trip is scheduled for the weekend of June ninth to Siffleur Falls off the David Thompson Highway. We start out at around 6:00 am on Saturday morning, hike for a bit up the creek through a few waterfalls, and come back by late Sunday night. Check out the WebPages for more information, or contact us. A meeting will be held a few days before the hike for those interested in going.

Additional trips are planned for the Canada Day, August, and Labour Day long weekends to trails in Kananaskis and along the David Thompson highway.

If you are interested in coming out to one of our back country trips, feel free to contact the Outdoors Club by either phone 780-430-0759, or (preferably) e-mail at [glb\\_outdoors@hotmail.com](mailto:glb_outdoors@hotmail.com). A listing of current information, upcoming hike descriptions, and trip images can be found on our WebPages at [http://www.geocities.com/glb\\_outdoors](http://www.geocities.com/glb_outdoors).



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Not having one the fisherman says to the warden, "I did not catch these lobsters, they are my pets. Every day I come done to the water and whistle and these lobsters jump out and I let them spend a couple hours in the water." The warden, not believing him, reminds him that it is illegal to fish without a license. The fisherman turns to the warden and says, "If you don't believe me then watch," as he throws the lobsters back into the water.

The warden says, "Now whistle and show me if those lobsters will come out of the water."

The fisherman says, "What lobsters?"

## Italian Trip

A man was getting a haircut prior to a trip to Rome. He mentioned the trip to the barber who responded, "Rome? Why would anyone want to go there? It's crowded & dirty and full of Italians. You're crazy to go to Rome. So, how are you getting there?"

"We're taking TWA," was the reply. "We got a great rate!" "TWA?" exclaimed the barber. "That's a terrible airline. Their planes are old, their flight attendants are ugly, and they're always late. So, where are you staying in Rome?" "We'll be at the downtown International Marriott." "That dump! That's the worst hotel in the city. The rooms are small, the service is surly and they're overpriced. So, whatcha doing when you get there?" "We're going to go to see the Vatican and we hope to see the Pope." "That's rich," laughed the barber. "You and a million other people trying to see him. He'll look the size of an ant. Boy, good luck on this lousy trip of yours. You're going to need it."

A month later, the man again came in for his regular haircut. The barber asked him about his trip to Rome.

"It was wonderful," explained the man, "not only were we on time in one of TWA's brand new planes, but it was overbooked and they bumped us up to first class. The food and wine were wonderful, and I had a beautiful 28-year-old stewardess who waited on me hand and foot. And the hotel - it was great! They'd just finished a \$25 million remodelling job and now it's the finest hotel in the city. They, too, were overbooked, so they apologized and gave us the presidential suite at no extra charge!"

"Well," muttered the barber, "I know you didn't get to see the Pope."

"Actually, we were quite lucky, for as we toured the Vatican, a Swiss Guard tapped me on the shoulder and explained that the Pope likes to personally meet some of the visitors, and if I'd be so kind as to step into his private room and wait, the pope would personally greet me. Sure enough, five minutes later the Pope walked through the door and shook my hand! I knelt down as he spoke a few words to me."

"Really?" asked the Barber. "What'd he say?"

He said, "Where'd you get the shitty haircut?"

## The Mink Coat

A man walks into a very posh Rodeo Drive furrier with a gorgeous blonde on his arm. "Show the lady your finest mink!" the fellow exclaims.

So the owner of the shop goes in the back and comes out with an absolutely gorgeous full-length coat. As the lady tries it on, the furrier sidles up to the guy and discreetly whispers, "Ah, sir, that particular fur goes for \$65,000." "No

problem! I'll write you a check!" "Very good, sir," says the shop owner. "Today is Saturday. You may come by on Monday to pick it up, after the check has cleared." So the man and the woman leave. On Monday, the fellow returns. The storeowner is outraged: "How dare you show your face in here?! There wasn't a single penny in your checking account!!!"

"I just had to come by," grinned the guy, "to thank you for the most wonderful weekend of my life!"

## Don't Push it (by request)

The gentleman had a serious problem. He had made several attempts to get into the men's restroom, but it was always occupied. The stewardess noticed that he was taking short steps and had a look of pain on his face. "Sir", she said, "You may use the ladies' room if you promise not to touch any of the buttons on the wall." He would have promised anything and said so. The relief was pure joy, and as he sat there savouring the feeling, he noticed the buttons he had promised not to touch. Each button was identified by letters: WW, WA, PP, and a red one labelled ATR.

Who would know if he touched them? He couldn't resist. He pushed WW. Warm water was sprayed gently upon his bottom. What a nice feeling. Men's restrooms don't have things like this.

Anticipating greater pleasure, he pushed the WA button. Warm air replaced the warm water, gently drying his underside. When this stopped, he pushed the PP button. A large powder puff caressed his bottom adding a fragile scent of spring flowers to this unbelievable pleasure. The Ladies' restroom is more than a restroom. It is a place of tender loving pleasure.

When the powder puff completed its pleasure, he could hardly wait to push the ATR button, which he knew would

bring him supreme ecstasy...

He knew he was in a hospital as soon as he opened his eyes. A nurse was staring down at him with a smirk on her face.

"What happened?", he exclaimed. "You pushed one too many buttons", replied the nurse. "The last button marked ATR was an Automatic Tampon Remover."

### Triple Shot

A woman was pregnant with triplets. Anyway, one day she goes into this bank. The bank is being held up and she gets shot 3 times in her stomach. Luckily she lives. She goes to the doctor. He says her children will be all right, and one day the bullets will come out.

So 13 years later, one triplet, a girl, runs out of the bathroom and says "MOM, MOM, I WAS GOING TO THE BATHROOM AND A BULLET CAME OUT!" So the mother tells her the story.

The next day the next daughter comes out and says the same thing, "MOM, I WAS GOING TO THE BATHROOM AND A BULLET CAME OUT!"

The next day the son comes out and says "MOM, MOM!" She goes "let me guess, you were going to the bathroom and a bullet came out?"

He replies "No, I was jerking off and I shot the dog!"

### At Strip Club

Roger is a hard worker, and he spends most of his nights bowling or playing volleyball. One weekend, his wife decides that he needs to relax a little and take a break from sports, so she takes him to a strip club.

The doorman at the club spots them and says "Hey Roger! How are you tonight?" His wife, surprised, asks her husband if he has been here before. "No, no. He's just one of the guys I bowl with."

They are seated, and the waitress approaches, sees Roger and says "Nice to see you, Roger. A gin and tonic as usual?" His wife's eyes widen. "You must come here a lot!" "No, no" says Roger "I just know her from volleyball."

Then a stripper walks up to the table. She throws her arms around Roger and says "Roger! A table dance as usual?" His wife, fuming, collects her things and storms out of the bar.

Roger follows her and spots her getting into a cab, so he jumps into the passenger seat. His wife looks at him, seething with fury and lets Roger have it with both barrels.

At this moment, the cabbie leans over and says "Sure looks like you picked up a dandy tonight, Roger!"

### Tarzan

Tarzan was walking through the jungle one day and was attacked by tiger. Caught by surprise poor Tarzan lost

an arm, an eye, and his private part. Tarzan quickly rushed to the local witch doctor for help.

Tarzan explained what had happened, so the witch doctor had Tarzan go out and retrieve 3 animals, an eagle, a gorilla, and a baby elephant.

Once Tarzan returned with the animals, the witch doctor replaced Tarzan's lost eye with one from the eagle. Then he replaced his lost arm with one from the gorilla.

Finally he replaced Tarzan's private part with the trunk of the baby of the baby elephant. He then told Tarzan that he should be fine but to come back in a few days to make sure everything was ok.

A few days later Tarzan came back to see the witch doctor.

Witch Doctor: "So Tarzan, everything ok with the transplants?" Tarzan: "No, Tarzan have one problem!" Witch Doctor: "It's not your eye is it?" Tarzan: "No, Tarzan see better than he ever could with new eye" Witch Doctor: "Is it your arm?"

Tarzan: "No, Tarzan can swing through trees better than ever could before. Problem with elephant trunk... When Tarzan swing through trees, it keep grabbing leaves and putting them in Tarzan's ass!"

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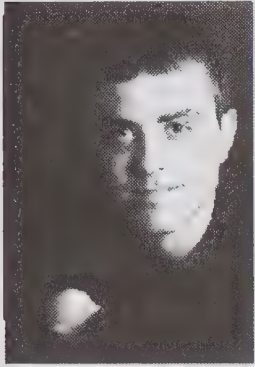
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# Becoming Ourselves

## Happy Gay Shame Day



By Shawn Mooney

I saw this poster downtown yesterday. Before I even read the headline, the hunky gent caught my same-sex-attracted eye. Was it unethical of me to tear it down?

Yes folks, a new ex-gay group is forming in Edmonton, just before Pride Week. My hope is that folks unlucky enough to show up there will comparison-shop; if they don't find what they're looking for at Virtus Alberta, they might check out what a conflux of self-accepting queers have to offer during the week of June 16th.

"Virtus" is the Latin word for "manliness", by the way.

Despite a constant stream of credibility-shattering scandals and exposés, the ex-gay movement continues to push its message that we can be "healed" of our sinful homosexuality through prayer and bible reading and twelve-step group work.

The most recent claim—and no doubt it will be bandied

about at the upcoming Virtus meeting—comes from a new psychiatric "study" by Dr. Robert Spitzer. He claims a 66 percent success rate for gay men and 44 percent for lesbians in achieving "good heterosexual functioning". In other words, it's possible to become ex-gay.

Spitzer, it turns out, merely interviewed these folks over the telephone, for crying out loud; what's more, the great majority of the 200 "ex-gays" he chatted with were directly referred to him by ex-gay ministers.

Can you say, "bias" and "lack of scientific rigor", boys and girls?

## Struggling with same-sex attraction?

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This reminds me of the gay rights debate in Saskatchewan about ten years ago. The NDP government was finally considering adding "sexual orientation" to the province's human rights code; local bible-thumpers were up in arms, like they get wherever and whenever justice for queers might loom.

Calling themselves The

Coalition for Human Equality—if you can believe that—Saskatchewan homophobes argued that gay rights equaled "special rights" and thus the amendment should be squashed.

They also insisted that queers could go hetero. Reparative ("ex-gay") therapy was the answer to this sinful social problem, not "special rights" for homos.

Coalition literature cited a 1979 study by the acclaimed sexologists Masters and Johnson which 'showed' that homosexuality was a learned response that could be unlearned. Masters and Johnson also claimed a 72%

success rate in therapeutic conversion to heterosexuality, far higher, even, than the promises made by the looney-tunes ex-gay ministries.

I agreed to go on an open-line radio talk show along with a local dyke

activist to refute the homophobic vitriol and to argue in favor of the human rights amendment. To prepare for the show, knowing that members of the Coalition would doubtlessly be calling in to confront us, we researched this 1979 study.

We learned that Masters and Johnson had worked with 67

queer men and women, hand-picked for their high motivation to change. On the Kinsey scale of 0 (purely heterosexual) to 6 (exclusively homosexual), only 7% of the subjects were given the latter classification. In other words, 93% of them were bisexual to begin with. 82% were rated 2, 3 or 4 and were more or less equally attracted to men and women. In addition, "success" was measured only on the ability to forego homosexual behavior, not the emergence of opposite-sex attraction.

We felt more comfortable going into the radio appearance with such amplified facts at our disposal. But still, I wanted a knockout punch.

The morning of the radio show, with only two hours to go before we were on the air, I phoned the Masters and Johnson Institute in Missouri. Some nice receptionist answered, and I explained why I was calling. "They're using the Masters and Johnson study to try to block a gay rights bill up here," I said. "Please, you've got to give me something to rebut them with." I was asked to hold.

About a minute later, an old man's voice: "Dr. Masters here."

I nearly died.

Imagine my glee later that morning—live and on the air—when Bernadette, the mouthpiece of the Coalition for Human Equality, phoned in. "Gays shouldn't get special rights," she spat. "Especially when it's been proven by the

eminent scientists Masters and Johnson that you people can become normal."

After explaining more about the 1979 study, I said "Bernadette, you might find it interesting to know that I spoke with Dr. Masters just this morning, and he's very upset that you folks are using his study in such a despicable way. Yeah, that's the word he used: 'despicable.' He happens to be a strong supporter of gay rights, and he wants you to stop distorting his research."

The sound of dead air was delicious: Bernadette didn't have much to say to that. I bet she wasn't very happy a few months later, either, when the human rights code got amended.

A part of me wants to laugh

off this new ex-gay group in Edmonton. But the fact remains that folks struggling with internalized homophobia are vulnerable to its shame-perpetuating message. Rather than healing self-hatred, such reparative crap exacerbates it.

That is cruel.

So as we celebrate our collective, ongoing recovery from homophobia this Pride Week, let us remember those who remain poisoned by shame. Thankfully, some of them will find us eventually.

But in the meantime, hateful charlatans abound, eager to further brutalize their beautiful queer hearts.

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# A (Reluctant) Defence of Smoking

*By Travis McEnery*

When I so much as think about quitting, I want a cigarette. Maybe that's why I smoke so much. Because I'm thinking about it all the time. It's like smoking became such a part of who I am that the thought of quitting makes me feel like I'd be missing one of the biggest things that makes me, me.

Sometimes, I feel like I'm watching myself in a movie. And the character in that movie smokes. Like a fiend. That character sits at his computer and types. Narrows his eyes as he pauses. Slowly, without looking, picks up the cigarette smouldering in the ashtray, takes a thoughtful drag and sucks it in deeply, never once taking his eyes off the screen. Puts the cigarette - again, slowly - back in the ashtray as he neatly blows the smoke back out of his body, in a perfectly straight line,

undistracted by the way it hits the monitor and ricochets smoothly outward. A few more seconds of motionlessness, and suddenly his fingers explode in movement, he leans forward toward the screen inspiration has hit.

It's something to say about the character. If I were a character in a book, that whole paragraph would be deleted if I wasn't a smoker. It wouldn't be there. Without the addiction there's less to describe. Less detail. Fewer forms of individual expression.

Some would tell me that all I need is something to replace it. Take up some new hobby that would say just as much about me. But it's not the same. For instance, let's say I take up - oh, I don't know - Kung Fu. Yes, I could say that I take Kung Fu. So once or twice a week I go and I train. How many people would see that? Yes, it might become a part of who I am. But it won't become a part of how others see me, at least not nearly as large a part.

Few people understand just how much smoking defines a smoker. The thing is, so many people smoke that the fact that they smoke becomes irrelevant. The point of definition is *how* they smoke. And there are as many different ways to smoke as there are smokers. Some smoke violently. Some smoke precisely. Others smoke carelessly. Some have Zippos, others use Bics. Still others matches. Some people start from the right side of the pack, others the left. The number of nuances is too great for me to describe them all.

Though I hate to defend such a harmful and despicable habit, smoking really has a lot of plusses that, so far, I've seen no way to replace. It helps me meet people. Now I know that someone, right away, is going to call it a crutch. And perhaps it is. But really, what is a crutch? It's a tool. We use tools every day, whether we feel handicapped in some way or not. You could call a hammer a crutch if you wanted to, for use by those who are not strong enough to drive nails with their own hands. You could call a car a crutch, for those too lazy to walk or too impatient to take the bus. So for the present discussion, let's do away with the whole "crutch" argument and look at what this habit is (sadly) good for.

I started by saying that smoking helps me meet people, in particular, other smokers. It's so easy. It bridges the gap between someone you see every day and someone you actually talk to. For instance, perhaps I see someone every day in class. The class itself doesn't present much of an opportunity to talk to them, especially if he or she is the kind of person who disappears immediately after to go somewhere else. But in those few minutes before class, as I approach the building, I see this person standing outside the doors, puffing hurriedly on a cigarette. Suddenly, he or she is in one place for a few minutes at a time, without needing to focus their attention on an instructor. I walk up to the same doors and light my own. Suddenly and magically, there we are, two people who see each other all the time but never

have had the chance to speak, standing outside the doors of a building with nothing to do but smoke. At this point, it would simply be rude to *not* speak to this person. I know his face and he knows mine. Ta da. Instant acquaintance.

A similar phenomenon occurs in coffee-houses, where I spend quite a bit of my time. Smoking is a reason to make contact with people. "Can I borrow a smoke/light?" is a pretty innocent way of approaching someone. They're addicted, they understand that this is something you actually need. You don't just want to talk to them. And in this part of the world, people are always suspicious of anyone who just feels like talking to them. "What are you reading?" might be an acceptable place to go after lighting a cigarette a stranger has just given you. Or, more likely, "I've seen you here quite a bit." Non-smokers would never get that far. They wouldn't even get to "hello", because there would be no excuse to go there.

Smoking, then, is the excuse that Western society has been waiting for. We've all been taught not to talk to strangers - you never know what they want. But when I approach a stranger in search of a cigarette, I've already made it clear what I want. I don't want to know where they live or how much money they have. I don't really care about anything that could possibly be threatening. I just want a smoke. Maybe I want to talk. If someone wants to talk to me in return, he or she will. If not, the conversation ends at "thanks".

Why does it work so well? I believe it works for two

reasons. First, (and I apologize to the tobacco industry for letting its secret out), nicotine is addictive. And addictions can make people do strange things, things they wouldn't normally do. The embarrassment of being refused a cigarette is, in the eyes of a nic-fitting smoker, a small price to pay for the possibility of actually obtaining one. And because all smokers are, in essence, addicts (it sounds so strange to say it, doesn't it?), they feel understood by each other. They have something in common with each other, and over time this develops into a kind of camaraderie. The phenomenon seems somewhat unique to addictions as opposed to simple cravings - imagine being asked by a stranger for a piece of gum, or having the person at the next table asking for a couple of your fries.

Secondly, spotting a fellow smoker in a crowd is easy as pie. Outdoors, you need only look around. Indoors (get this) they actually *post signs* to show you where the other addicts are. A walk through any food court will confirm this. Of course, that all changes this month, but for decades it was thus.

To put it simply, the social nature of smoking is determined by two main features: *necessity* and *visibility*. To use the earlier example, taking up Kung Fu is clearly not a suitable replacement for my addiction. It does not create a need that can be conveniently satisfied by another person, nor does it enable a fellow student of the art to pick me out of a crowd. Chewing gum is visible, but does not qualify as a legitimate need. Legitimate,

conveniently satisfied needs are more difficult to think of (besides, smokers are rarely advised to replace cigarettes with any habit or practice that creates the same sort of "need"), but to come up with one off the top of my head: I'm at a bus stop on my way to a job interview, and I suddenly realize that I haven't stapled the two pages of my resume together. Anyone who has a stapler in their briefcase or backpack would certainly provide me its use, as readily as another smoker hands out a cigarette. But wish me luck *visually* spotting anyone, either at the bus stop or on the bus itself, who has this urgently needed piece of hardware.

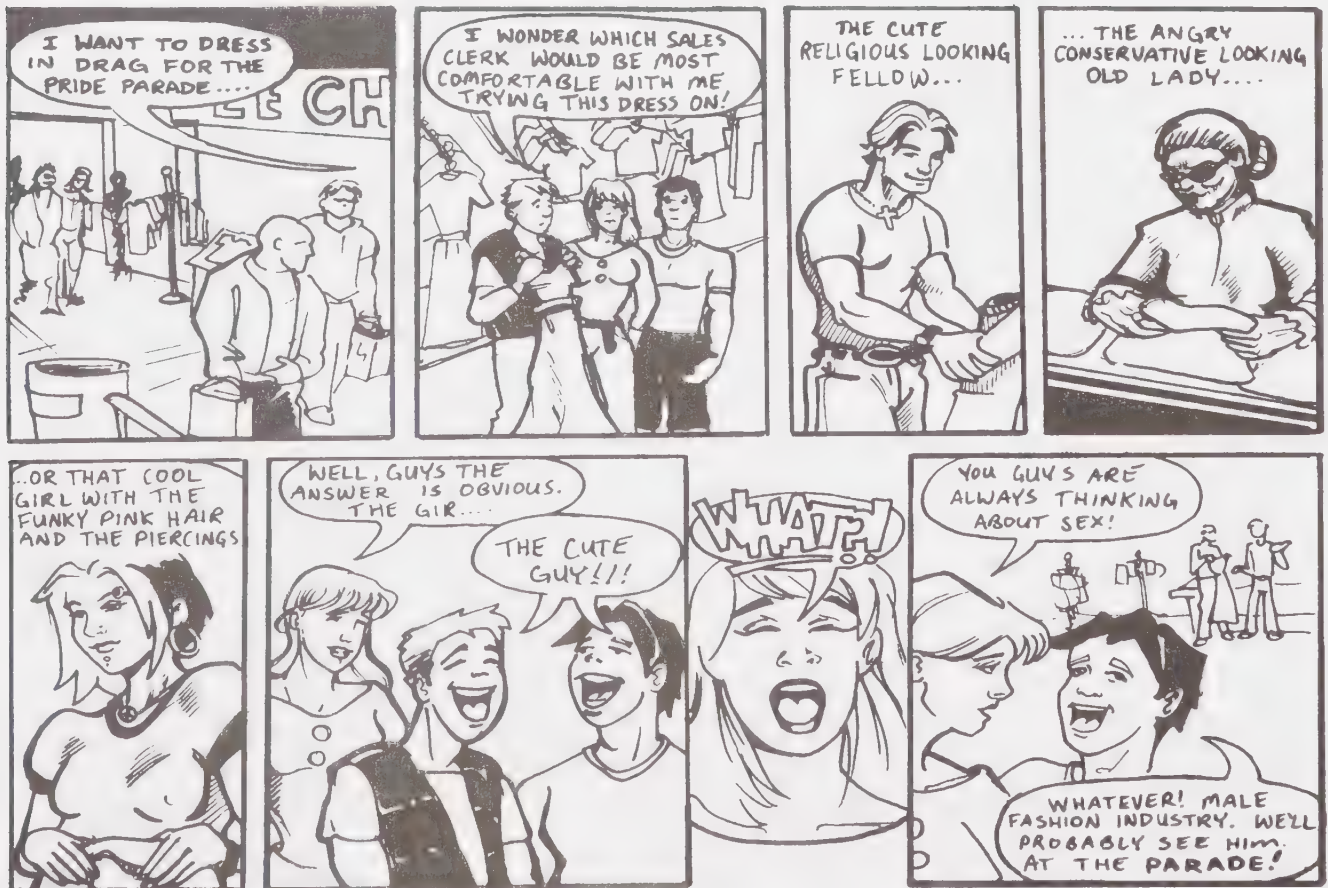
If tobacco is to be replaced with something that eliminates its physical drawbacks while retaining its social benefits, the

replacement must be both socially acceptable (and thus, visible) and at the same time, possess the potential to become urgently necessary in a matter of hours. Smoking enjoys its status as a social "ice-breaker" only by its status as a *socially acceptable addiction*, and in that respect, stands quite possibly alone.

There are, of course, other factors, which are basically derivatives of the two main features. For instance, cigarettes are a cheap, readily accessible commodity, usually purchased a days supply at a time. To run out of them during the course of a day is not unlikely. But the crisis that results from a lack of nicotine is both severe and easily solved. The "donor", if you will, knows that just one cigarette will probably relieve

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## Out At Last by Mike Brown



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# Smoking

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the recipients suffering for as long as it takes the recipient to acquire more cigarettes of his own. Thus, the donor knows that a small, token act, which cost her roughly twenty-five cents, is both appreciated and sufficient.

This begs the question: What does it say about our society that a disgusting and ultimately lethal habit is a prerequisite for a ten-second conversation? It seems to be the attitude here that if a person is to talk to a stranger, he had better have a good reason to. Nicotine withdrawal, from all

appearances, is one acceptable reason, and our world is quickly running out of them. More and more simple methods of initiating contact with others are beginning to be seen as "inconveniences". One hundred and fifty years ago, to knock on a friend's door unannounced was perfectly acceptable. Once telephones were in widespread use, this became almost rude: why interrupt them in person, oblige them to receive you on account of the effort you spent getting to their residence, when you could have phoned them first to make an "appointment"? Now, with the rising use of the Internet, phone calls have achieved almost the same status as unannounced visits. Why ring someone's phone in the middle of *Friends*

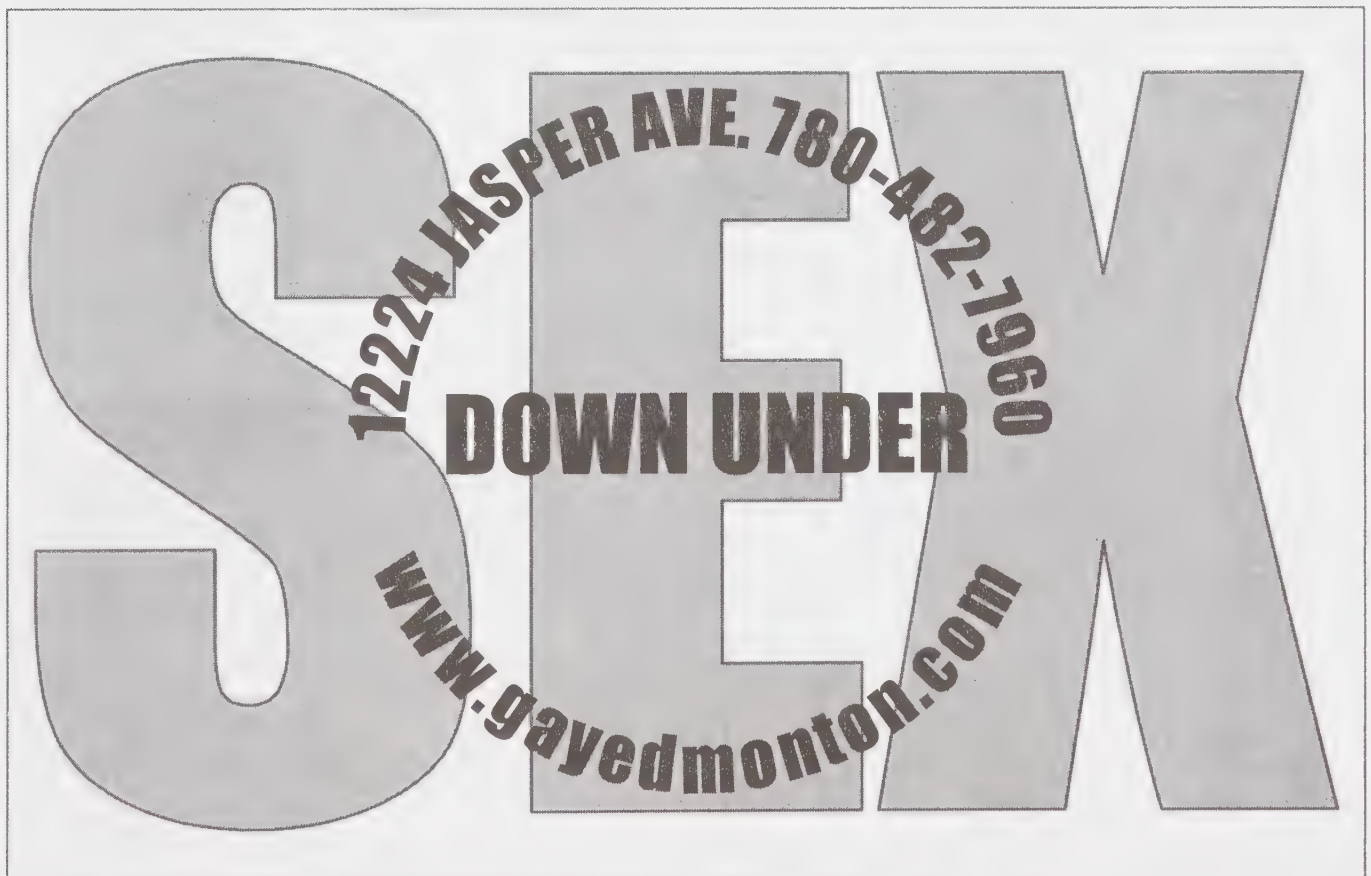
when you can email them? They'll get back to you when they're good and ready.

And so, it could be said that in addition to the physical pleasure of smoking, there's something else in it, something inherently *human*, something that speaks to weakness while creating opportunities for generosity, even a kind of compassion, to show itself. In an environment in which capitalism, social Darwinism, and a dog-eat-dog mentality are so well entrenched, smoking seems to be one of the last bastions of camaraderie among strangers. And perhaps this is why we cling to our habit so desperately. It has long been known that the chemical addiction of nicotine is petty compared to its

psychological attachment, but the habit is bigger, much bigger than just the drug and the mechanical urge to light something on fire and put it in your mouth. Especially here, in this city where there's not much to do and where meeting people can be difficult, where you can go for a week without speaking to a stranger simply because you don't have any "proper" reasons to, and where now, we are being ostracised like never before.

So to all of you addicts out there: hey, we're all in this together.

(Travis is a co-editor of The Exile Diaries available at Conrads' Sugar Bowl on 124 Street, Hub Cigar, Front Page and Greenwoods II on 102 Avenue and 123 Street)





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- 7pm 1011 Pride Forum - Hosted by Legal Alberta  
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- 8pm "Live Songs of Pride" Show  
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- 8pm Super Tuesday Erotic Men  
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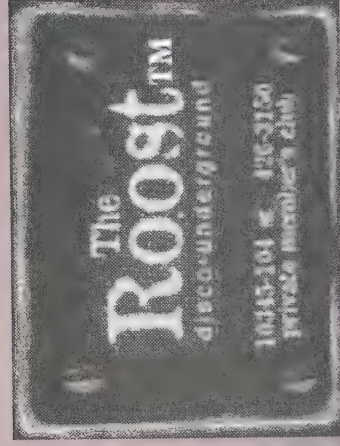
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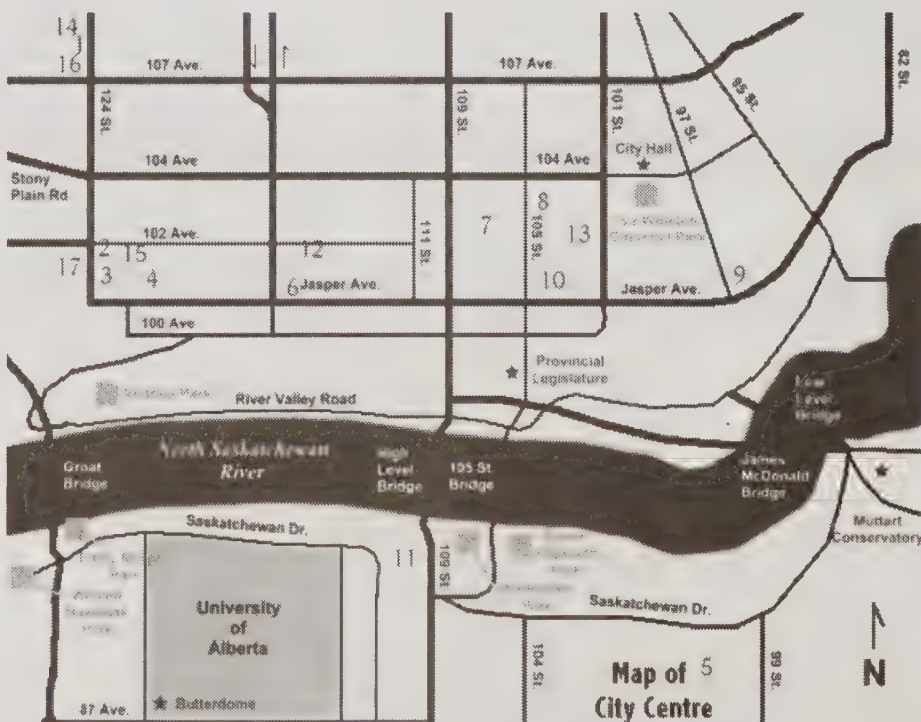
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Box 1992: I'm a 26 year old male, fit, tanned and attractive, short, dirty blond hair, green eyes, and about 5'11", 185lb. Looking for someone 21-30 to meet and hang out as friends, take it from there. Like to go out and have fun. I'm active, do a lot of mountain biking, rock climbing, rollerblading, work out and a daily basis. Looking for someone who like to stay active and work out. I'm pretty open-minded and easy-going.

Box 2017: I'm a 26 year old guy, fit, everyone tells me I'm attractive. Looking to see where things go. Nothing too serious at first. If the chemistry is there then we can take it away. Like doing a lot of things outdoors, indoors, hanging out, watching movies, staying active. I enjoy people's company.

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Box 1989: I'm a good-looking 35 year old, 6', 175lb, brown hair, brown eyes. I work full-time for a social service agency, so I would appreciate a lady who values people more than money. I also try to live my life according to Christian principals, so I want a guy who can accept that my relationship with God is an important part of my life. I lead a fairly quiet life. I like to read especially when I'm on the bus. I enjoy talking about a variety of subjects, watching videos (mainly comedies and thrillers), and listening to classical or Christian music. I like to go out for coffee to places like Tim Hortons, or dinner to places like

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## casual encounters

Box 1701: I'm a 25 year old Latino male, looking to get together with other guys on a casual basis. I am a top, and I'm 5'10", 170lb, black hair, brown eyes.

Box 1770: Slim, attractive, masculine guy, 6', 165lb, nice lean muscular body. I'm a versatile guy, nice cook, like hooking up good with guys who are in good shape. Love hooking up with studs with big cocks. Any of you guys out there with big cocks, just want a great blow job.

Box 1779: I'm Rob, 45 year old, bi white attached male. I'm 5'8", 155lb, dark brown hair/eyes, smooth body, clean-cut, clean-shaven, very masculine in appearance. I am looking to get together with a bi or gay, slim, discreet bottom. I can only travel.

Box 1796: Straight acting male, can entertain, downtown, looking for a very well-hung man. Love to deep throat cook, love to get my ass banged hard. I'm 5'10", 160lb, very good shape, work out daily, good-looking. I'm a young looking 40. You're interested in some hot action.

Box 1798: I'm 27 years old, 6'. Looking for a nice guy with a big cock, who can satisfy me. It would be good if he can entertain. I'm into anything. I like to suck, like to be fucked. I can be with one or two or even more guys at a time. You need to be clean, safe.

Box 1810: I'm Tim, 37, married, also very discreet. I'm got short brown hair, blue eyes, medium build, 6-1/2" out. I'm bi-curious. I've been with one guy before about twice, and kind of enjoyed it. And now I'd like to try it with somebody else who's the same, kind of discreet and new to this. That way we can kind of check it out together and have fun.

Box 1897: I'm a 26 year old, Caucasian guy, from the Edmonton area, brand new to the system. I'm 5'11", 165lb, brown eyes, short light blond hair, pretty good shape as I work out regularly. I like to be active. I'm interested in meeting some other fit and attractive guys for some fun and friendship. Hoping to hear from some kick ass guys.

Box 1925: I am a bottom male in Edmonton, West End. I live alone so I can entertain. I'm 38 years old, 6', husky, 190lb, moustache, and long dark brown curly hair. I am very clean, very discreet, don't drink, don't do drugs, very straight acting and looking. I am looking for a fella who I can meet on a regular basis.

Box 1934: Good-looking, dark hair, brown eyes, 5'10", 150lb, nice body, nice butt, very horny. Looking for somebody to have fun. I have a smooth body, young looking.

Box 1950: Two attractive guys looking for a threesome. One guy is 20 years old, real nice tight little body, 8' cut. The other guy is late 30s, very masculine and attractive. Looking for a third, either bottom or a top, must be attractive, nicely hung, and pretty good shape. You want some threesome action.

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Box 2003: This is Gary, 50 year old, 190lb male interested in getting together with other males. I'm somewhat submissive, and would like to get together with someone who's a little bit aggressive.

Box 2045: I'm 20 years old, 6', blond hair, green eyes, very well-endowed. Looking for a hot older male, between 30-50.

Box 2052: Name is Marcus, 5'10", 160lb, extremely muscular, brown hair, baby blue eyes. I'm definitely somebody I think you might want to be talking to.

Box 2053: I'm a 21 year old, attractive, 6', bleached hair, skateboarder type, I like to button shirts. I'm looking for a jock who likes to wear button shirts, who's obsessed with baseball, likes to play baseball, and likes to do baseball plays. I would like to get done by a baseball player. I'm willing to have sex in a baseball field with you.

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Box 1780: I'm a bisexual, submissive male, 37, good-looking, 5'8", well-endowed, nice ass, very interested and very kinky.

## transgender

Box 1688: I'm looking to meet an attractive transsexual for long term fun and friendship. I'm 40, 6', 180lb, single and independent, very sincere.

Box 1698: I'm 43, white, bi male, 5'4", 220lb, very husky, bit of a pot belly, 6" cut, hard and super horny. Looking to meet with a transvestite, very passable or transsexual, enjoy making you feel like a woman and anything that doesn't hurt. Want some real affection and fun times?

Box 1833: I'm a mid-40s bisexual, professionally employed, attached. Looking for transgender, preferably passable. I'm 5'11", 200lb, muscular, hairy chest, back and legs, blond hair, blue eyes, 7-1/2" out. Clean, discreet, and looking for the same. Got a huge sex drive and looking to play. I'll be in Edmonton the 16th to the 26th. No professionals, please.

Box 1910: I'm slim, attractive, 32, attached male, new to this lifestyle. Looking for a transgender or transvestite, someone very feminine, very attractive to introduce me to this lifestyle.

Box 1912: I'm a bi white male, 6', 175lb, slim build, fit body. I have a large, thick, 8" cock. I'm into X-rated movies, toys, lingerie. I'd like to get together with a transsexual, TV or a cross-dresser and have some fun.

Box 1930: This sexy crossdresser is travelling to Edmonton in the near future. I'm 34, 5'9", 160lb, large selection of lingerie and would love to get together with other crossdressers or some hot guys with hot times. Like to please my man with my hot mouth and my tight ass.

Box 2041: I'm Chris, 22, blond hair, blue eyes, 5'10", 180lb. Looking for any transsexuals, transvestites that might want to talk and get together for some fun. Hoping to talk to those that are very passable as females.

## bisexuals

Box 1708: I'm a 33 year old, masculine, straight acting, attached bisexual male. Looking for another attached, clean-cut, bisexual male, 18-32, for a monogamous, sexual relationship. Looking for another guy who enjoys the straight lifestyle but wants to have discreet, safe encounters with another male on a regular basis.

Box 1709: Hot, 43, 6'2", 230lb, bi-curious. Looking to find someone for an on-going relationship. Someone who is discreet, honest and clean. I like a lot of touching and exploring.

Box 1760: Young male looking for other young males, 18-25 for fun and friendship and possibly a long term relationship.

Box 1781: We are a slim and attractive, bisexual, male/female couple looking for another male/female couple where both partners are bi for fun adult times.

Box 1892: I'm John, 6', 180lb, bisexual, well, not really yet, but very curious. I've got dark hair, ruggedly handsome.

Box 1954: I'm Steve, 31, fit, attractive, bisexual male, 5'11", 170lb, short brown hair, brown eyes. Looking for is to get together with a couple. I'm interested in servicing both you and your partner. If I can put on a show for you, I'd like to do that. Clean and discreet.

Box 1958: I'm Rob, bi, white, masculine top, 5'8", 155lb, dark brown hair and eyes, smooth body, looking to get together with a slim, discreet, clean bottom for casual encounters. I'm willing to travel. Age, race or colour are no problem. Must be able to entertain.

Box 1966: I'm Len, 45, masculine top, clean-cut, clean-shaven, straight looking, 5'8", 155lb, dark brown hair and eyes, smooth body, attached male, top. Looking to get together with a discreet bottom. I'm 8' cut, well-hung and looking to travel for someone who can entertain.

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